



SONIC



THE HEDGEHOG

THREE
TITANIC TAILS
IN ONE
ISSUE!!!

FEATURE
STORY:
REBOUNDING
FROM
"ROBOTNIK'S
RETURN"
12 EASY STEPS
GUARANTEED
TO HELP TODAY'S
HEDGEHOG
ON THE GO



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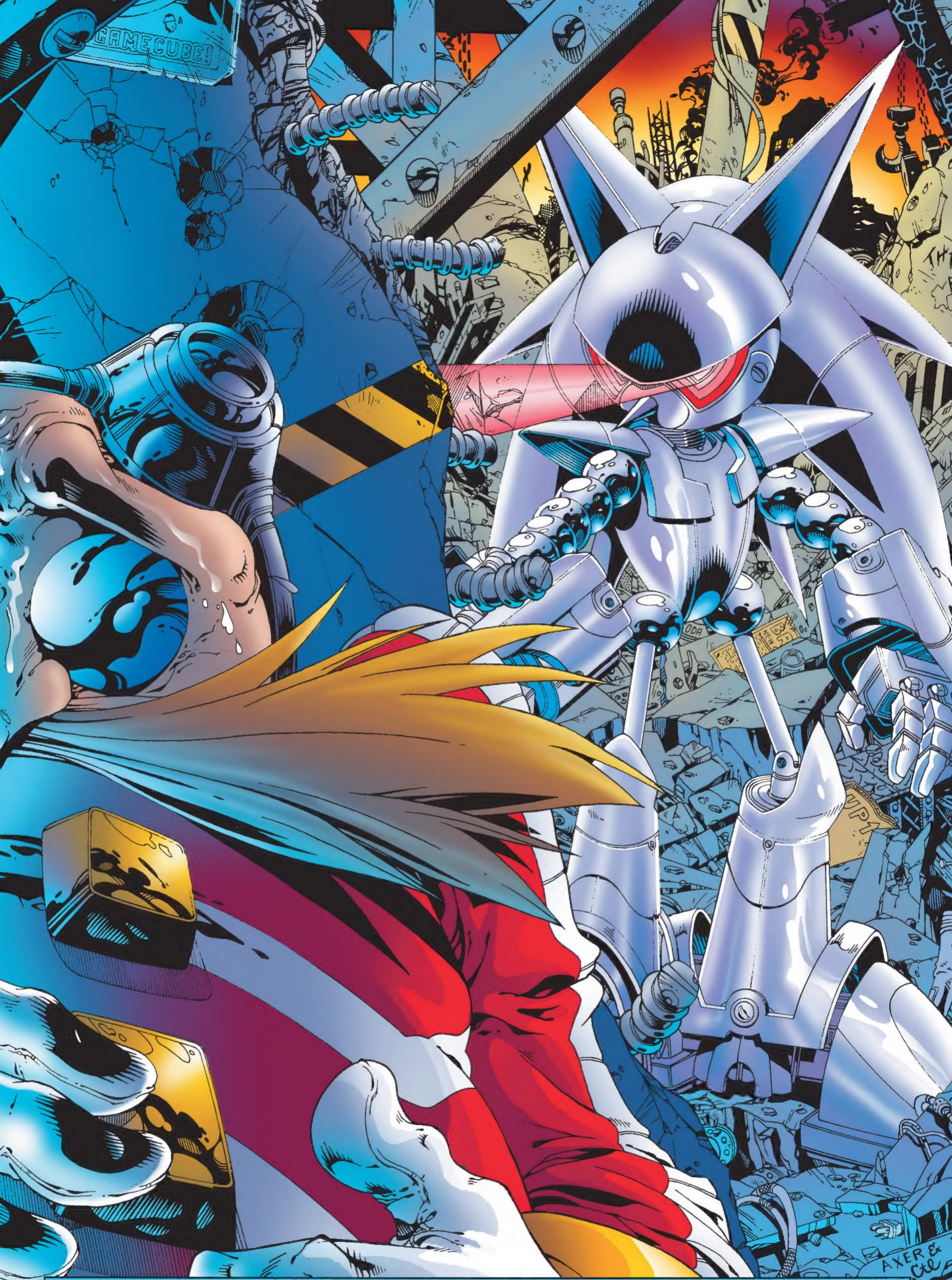
PLUS:

HOW TO GET HER
ATTENTION—
GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN
SHOWS ALL
YOU GUYS OUT
THERE IN
"HEART TO HEART"



KNUCKLES LEARNS
WHAT TO DO WHEN
"ULTIMATE POWER"
MAKES HIM THE
ENVY OF ALL
THE OTHER
ECHIDNAS ON THE
BLOCK





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ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 1

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IT'S TAKEN WEEKS TO BUILD THESE NEW AND IMPROVED BODIES, WHILE WE BOUNCED AROUND VARIOUS INFERIOR BODIES... * AND FINALLY WITHOUT THE VIRUS THAT KEPT ME FROM DOWNLOADING KNOTHOLE'S LOCATION!

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WHAT'S
NEXT,
SIR?

* In ish #110.

WHY, IT'S TIME
TO WREAK
HAVOC AND
CHAOS,
STARTING WITH
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

DON'T
BET ON IT,
CREEP!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

AND DON'T
FORGET MY FREEDOM
FIGHTING FRIENDS...

...WHO CAME
ALONG TO KICK
YOUR SHINY
CAN!

NICOLE?

My scans reveal,
PRINCESS SALLY,
that this NEW
version of
ROBOTNIK--

--is unable to
ROBOTICIZE
others with his
TOUCH!*

THAT'S
MUSIC TO
MY EARS!

MINE
TOO!

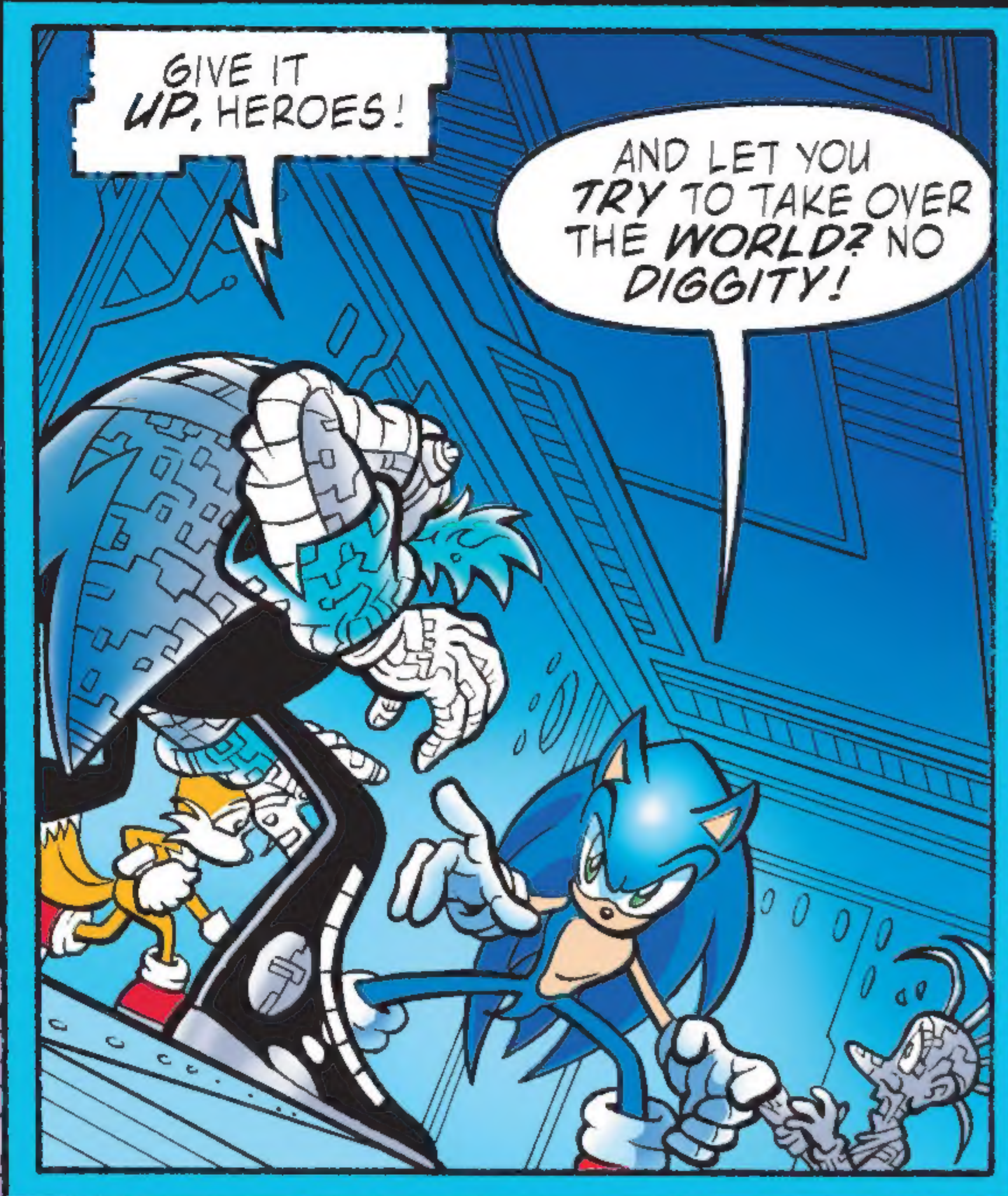
YOU CAN'T
HARM ME,
NITWIT!

K
O
N
G

MY METALLIC
SHELL MAKES
ME IMMUNE TO
YOUR BLOWS!

GAH!

WE'LL
SEE ABOUT
THAT!



GIVE IT UP, HEROES!

AND LET YOU TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD? NO DIGGITY!



SUDDENLY...

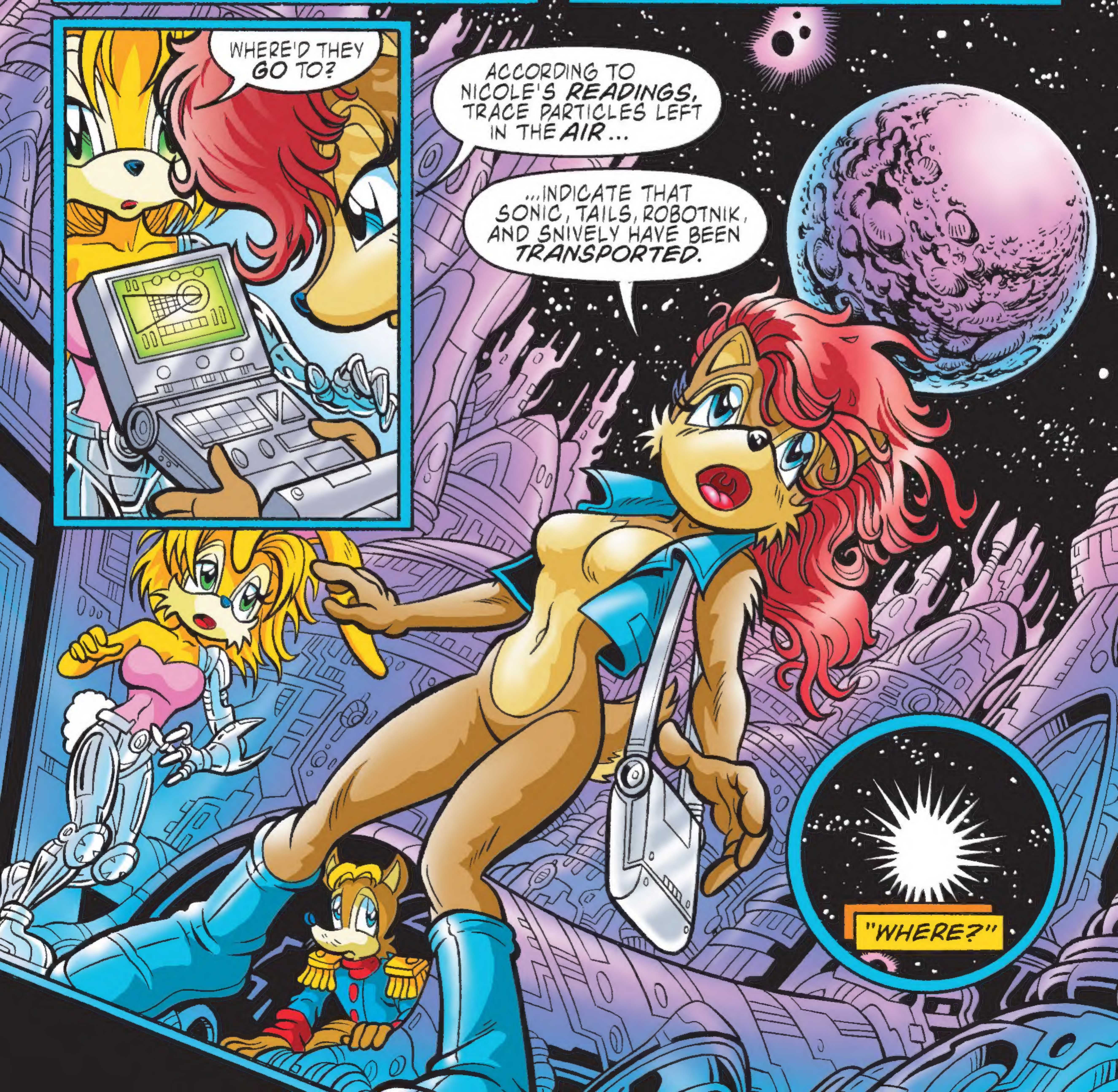
WHUT'S HAPPENIN'?



WHERE'D THEY GO TO?

ACCORDING TO NICOLE'S READINGS, TRACE PARTICLES LEFT IN THE AIR ...

...INDICATE THAT SONIC, TAILS, ROBOTNIK, AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED.



"WHERE?"

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 2

"YOUR GUESS
IS AS GOOD AS
MINE!"

WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

MOBIUS IT
AIN'T, THAT'S
FOR SURE!

LET'S
SHOW 'EM
VERY
MUCH

SAY WHAT'S UP
WITH THE HARSH
LIGHTING?

SCANNING
SUBJECTS
HAVE BEEN FULLY
BIOSCANNED.

WELL
DONE.

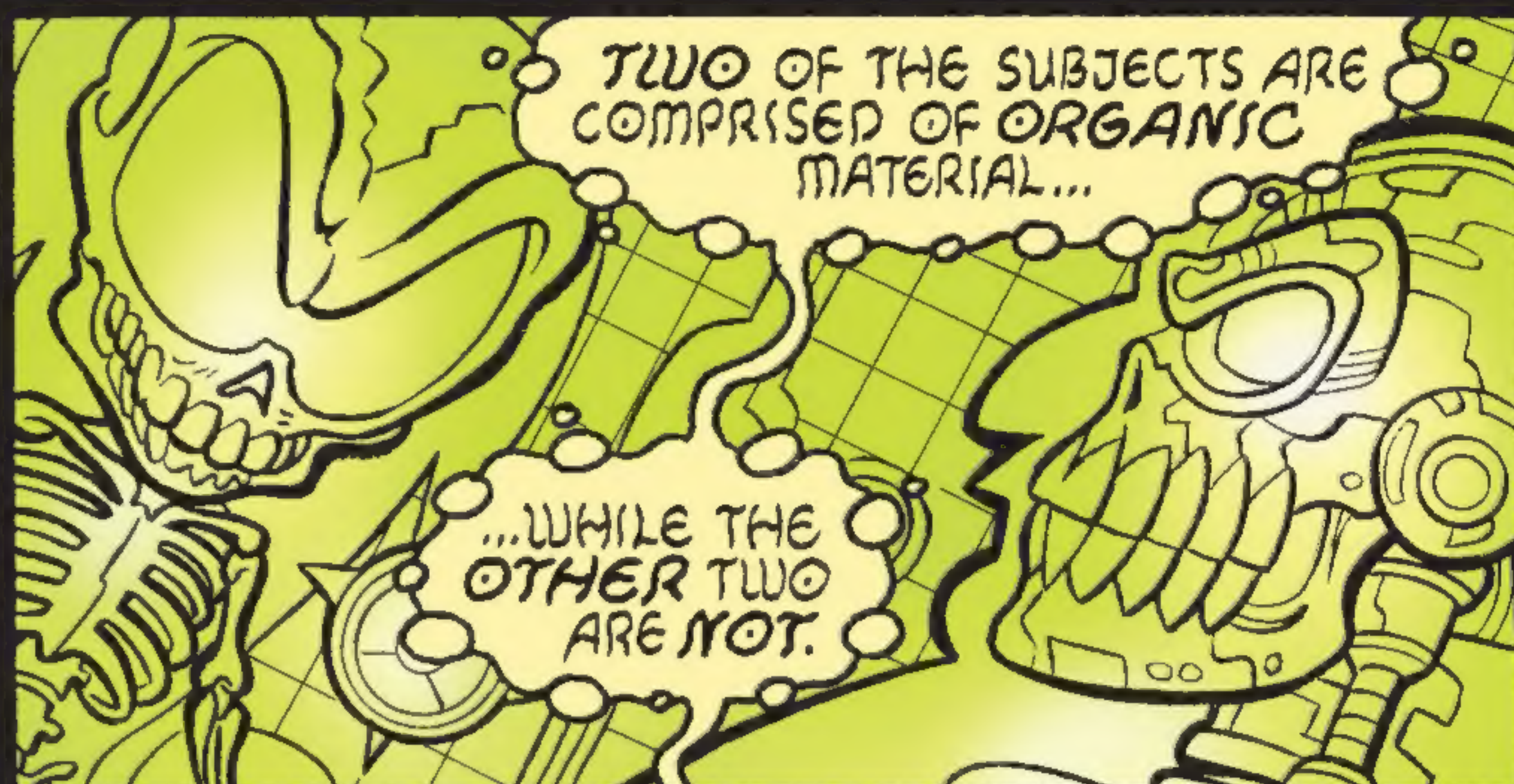
WE'VE BEEN
ABDUCTED BY
ALIENS!

LIKE, DUH WITH
A CAPITAL "DEE!"
"BUTT"NIK!

GET WITH
THE PROGRAM
ALREADY!



IT'S AS WE
SUSPECTED.



TWO OF THE SUBJECTS ARE
COMPRISED OF ORGANIC
MATERIAL...

...WHILE THE
OTHER TWO
ARE NOT.



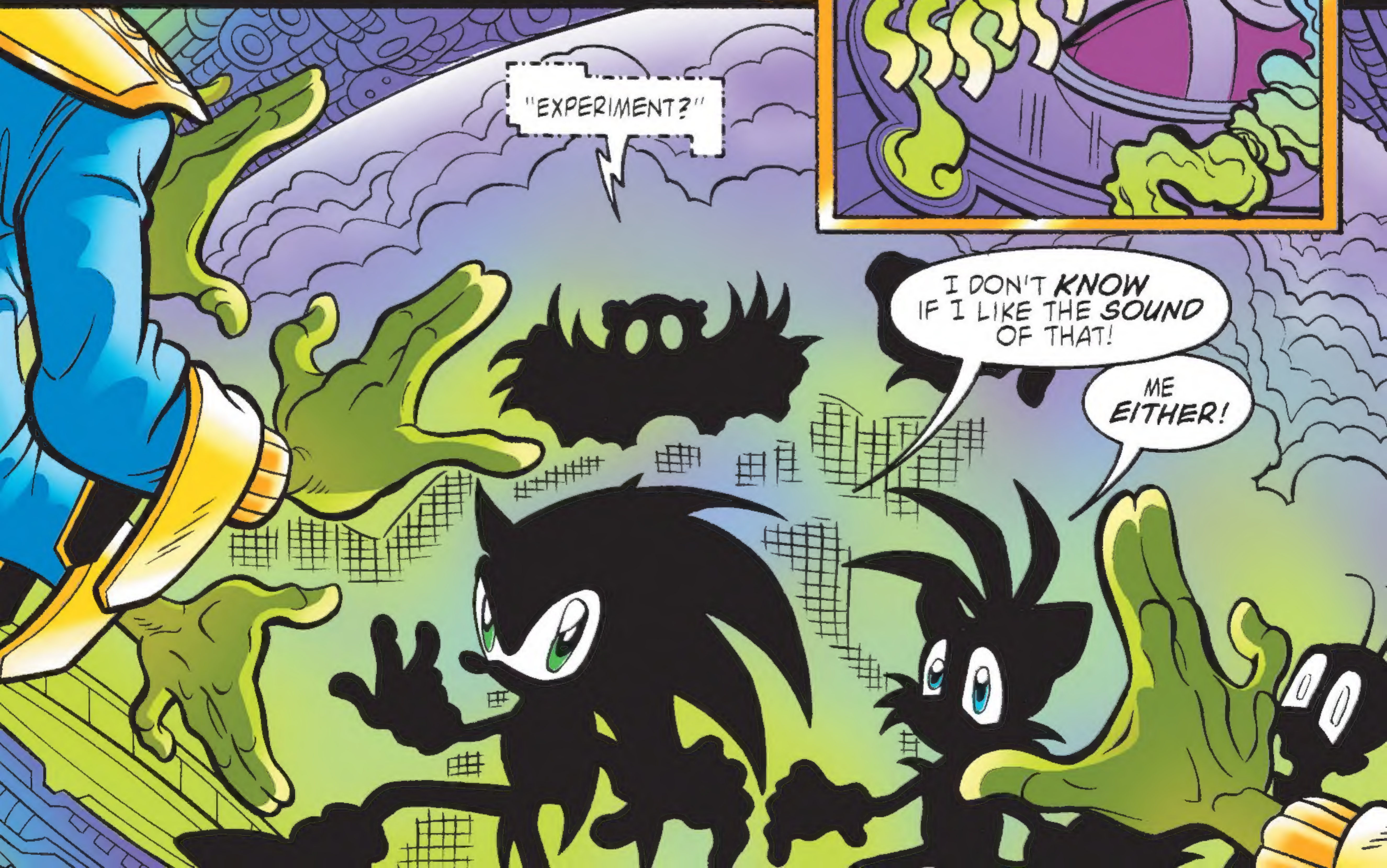
VERY WELL.
LET THE
EXPERIMENT
BEGIN.



"EXPERIMENT?"

I DON'T KNOW
IF I LIKE THE SOUND
OF THAT!

ME
EITHER!



MECHA-SONIC!

SNIVELY! WHAT HAVE THEY *DONE*? WE'RE FLESH AND BLOOD AGAIN, WHILE OUR *FOES* HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO--

AND
MECHA-TAILS!

NO WAY!
CHANGE US BACK AT ONCE! I DEMAND IT!

FIRST YOU MUST DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES IN COMBAT.

"...WHILE THE LOSERS SHALL REMAIN TRAPPED IN THEIR CURRENT INCARNATION FOREVER!"

"THE WINNERS WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER STATE..."

GREAT.

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN

CHAPTER 3

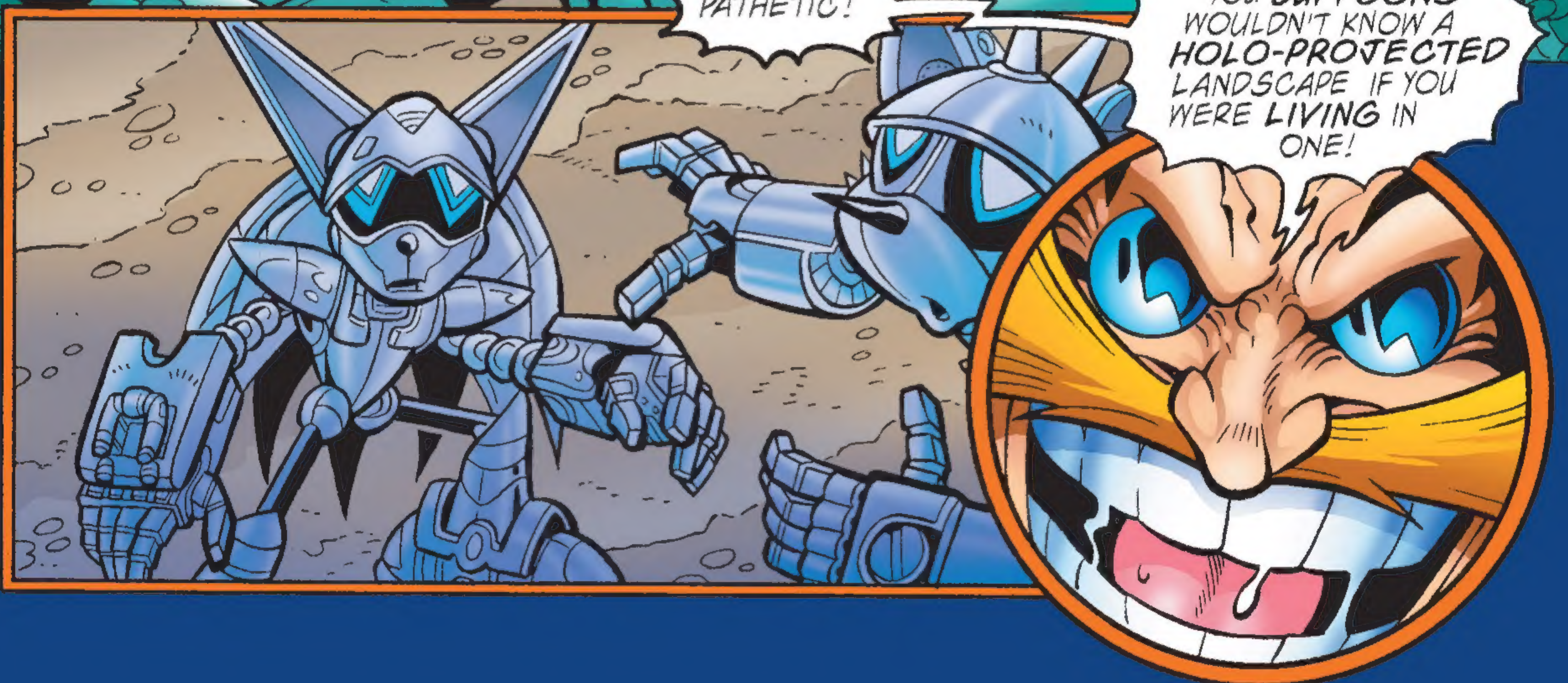
EITHER I'M
TOTALLY WIGGIN'
OR WE'RE IN
ROBOTROPOLIS!

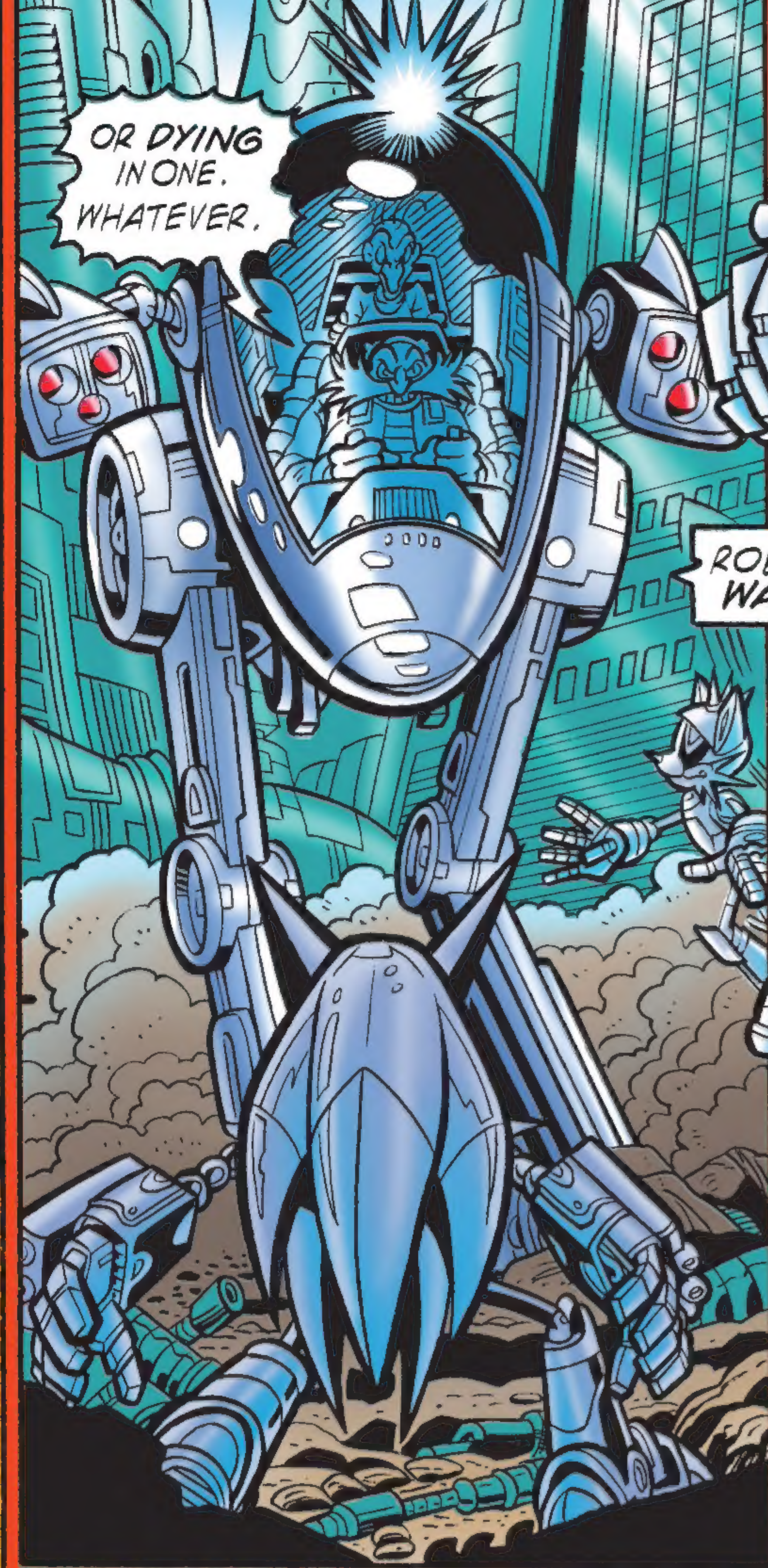
BUT
ROBOTROPOLIS
WAS DESTROYED,
SONIC!*

* Along with Robotnik
in ish# 110.

PATHETIC!

YOU BUFFOONS
WOULDN'T KNOW A
HOLO-PROTECTED
LANDSCAPE IF YOU
WERE LIVING IN
ONE!





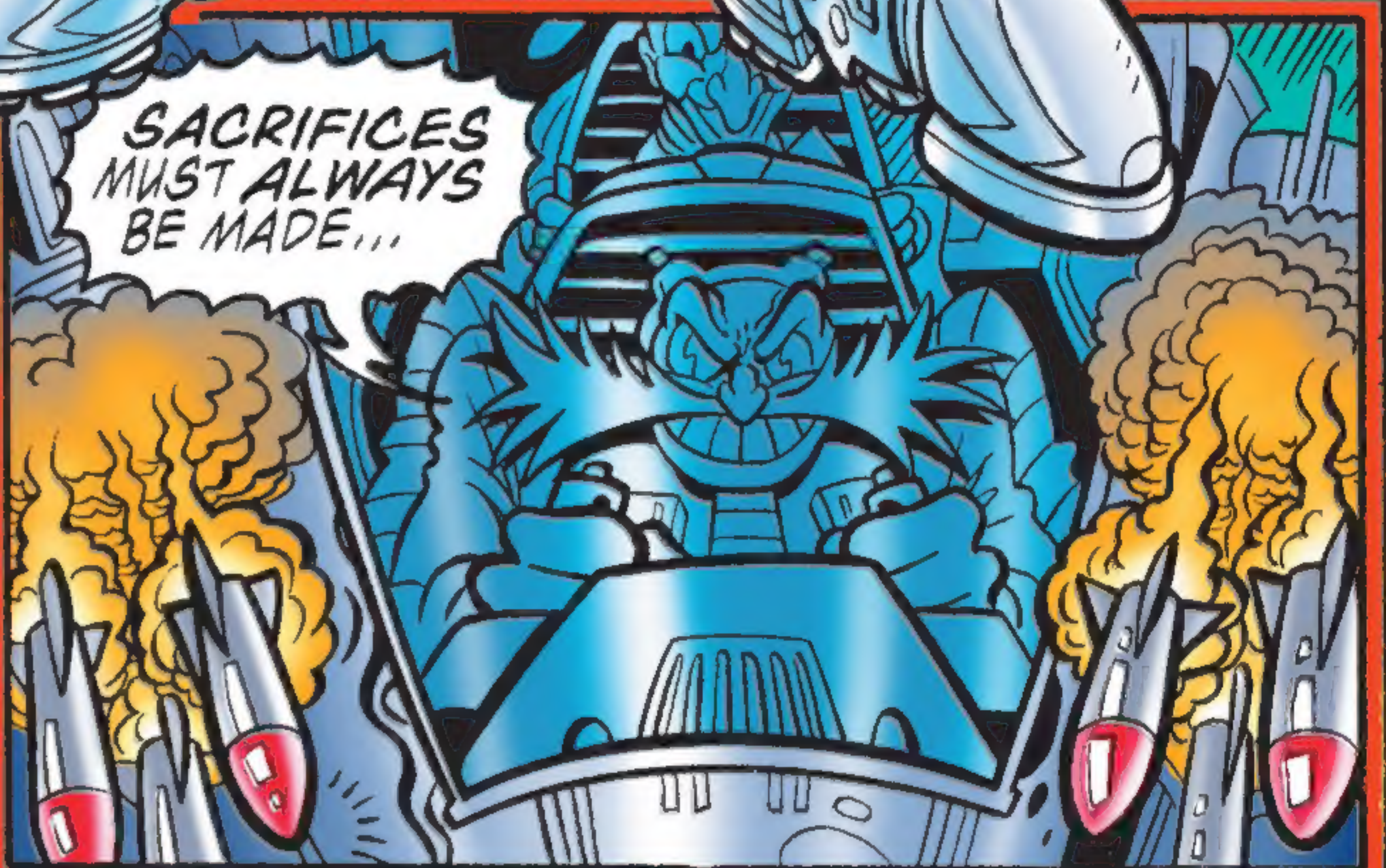
OR DYING
IN ONE.
WHATEVER.

ROBOTNIK--
WAIT!



DIDN'T YOU
HEAR THOSE
BOZO ALIENS
SAY THIS
WAS SOME
KIND OF
STUPID EX-
PERIMENT?

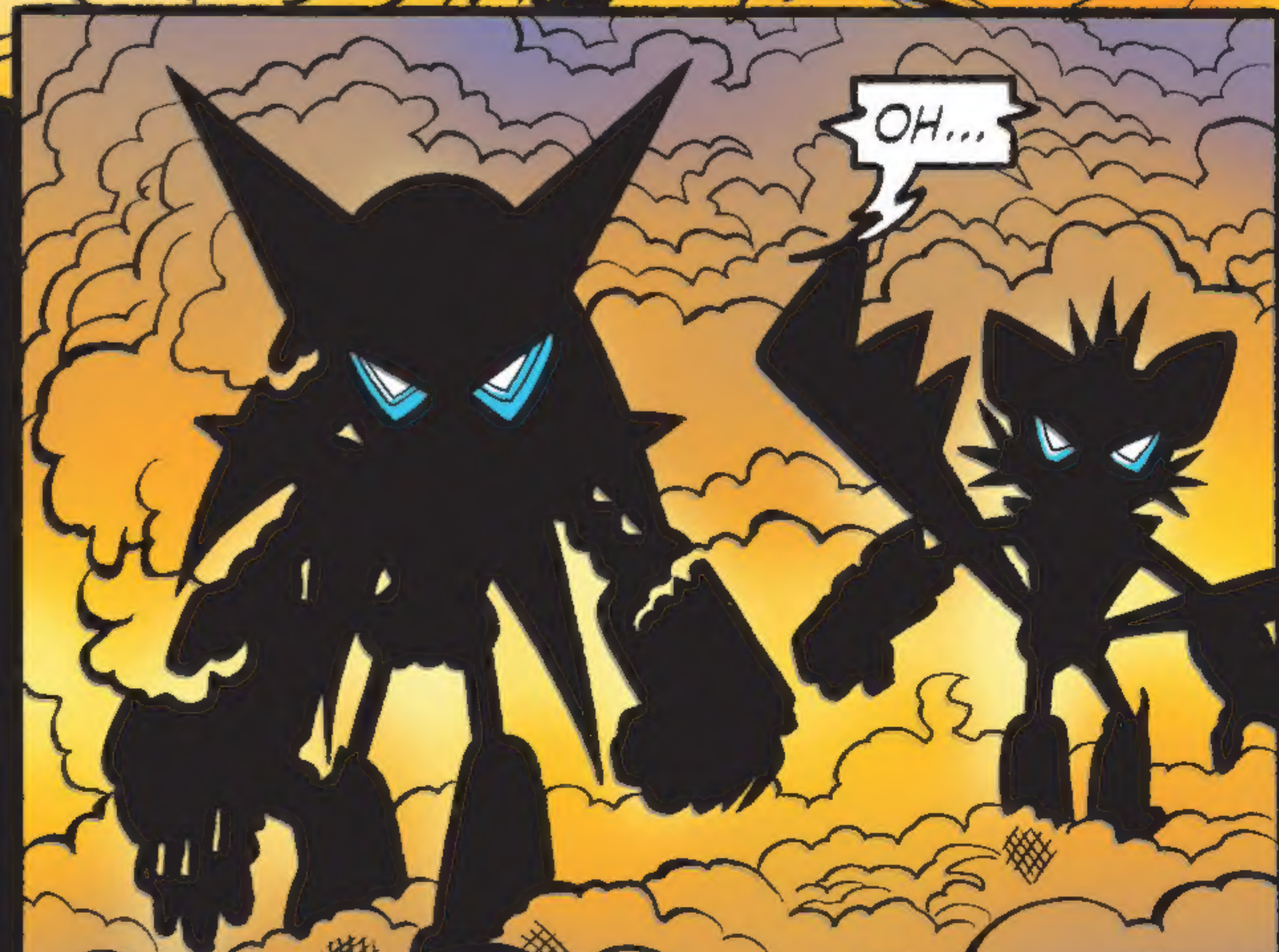
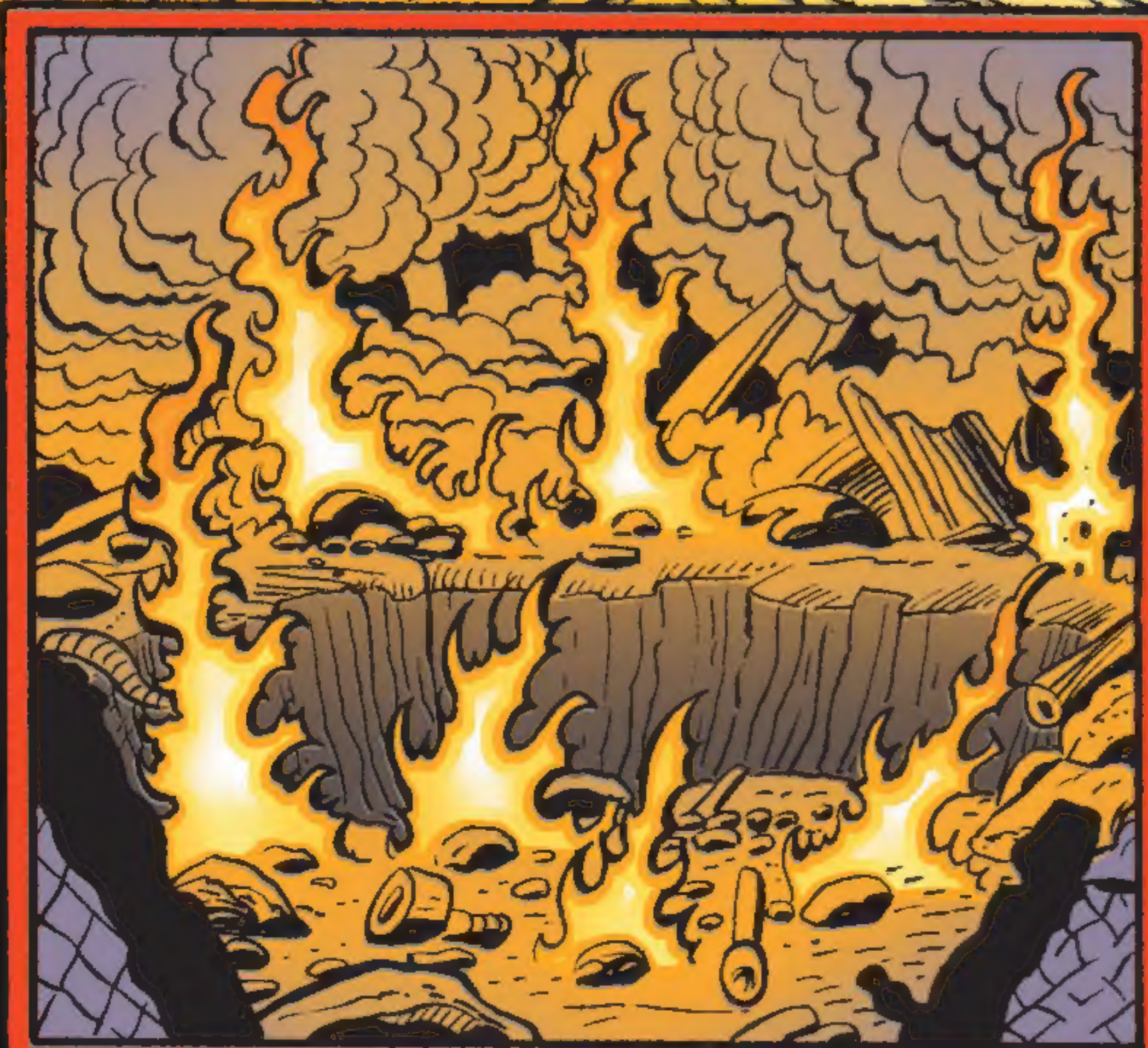
ARE WE JUST
GONNA JUMP THROUGH
THEIR HOOPS?



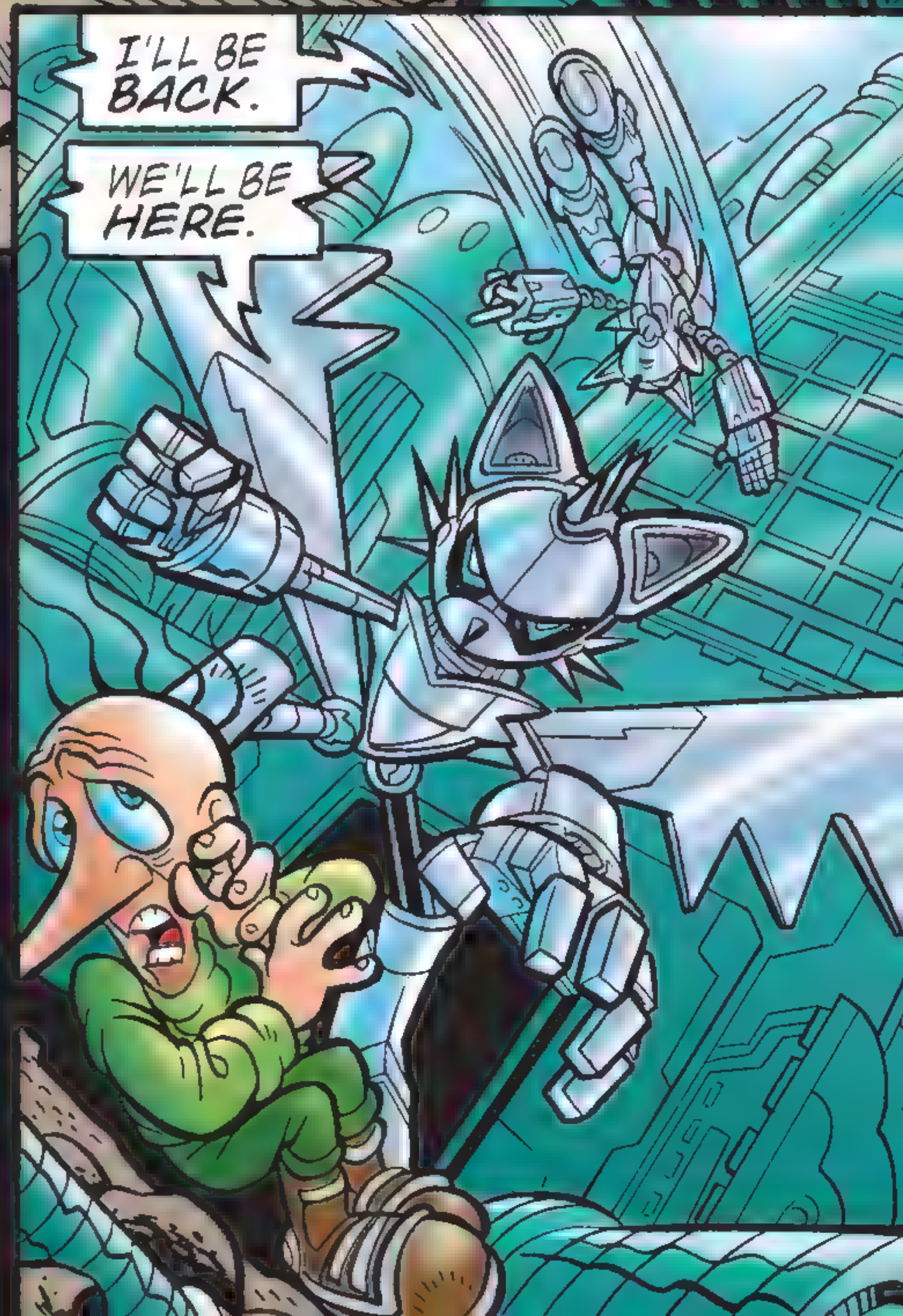
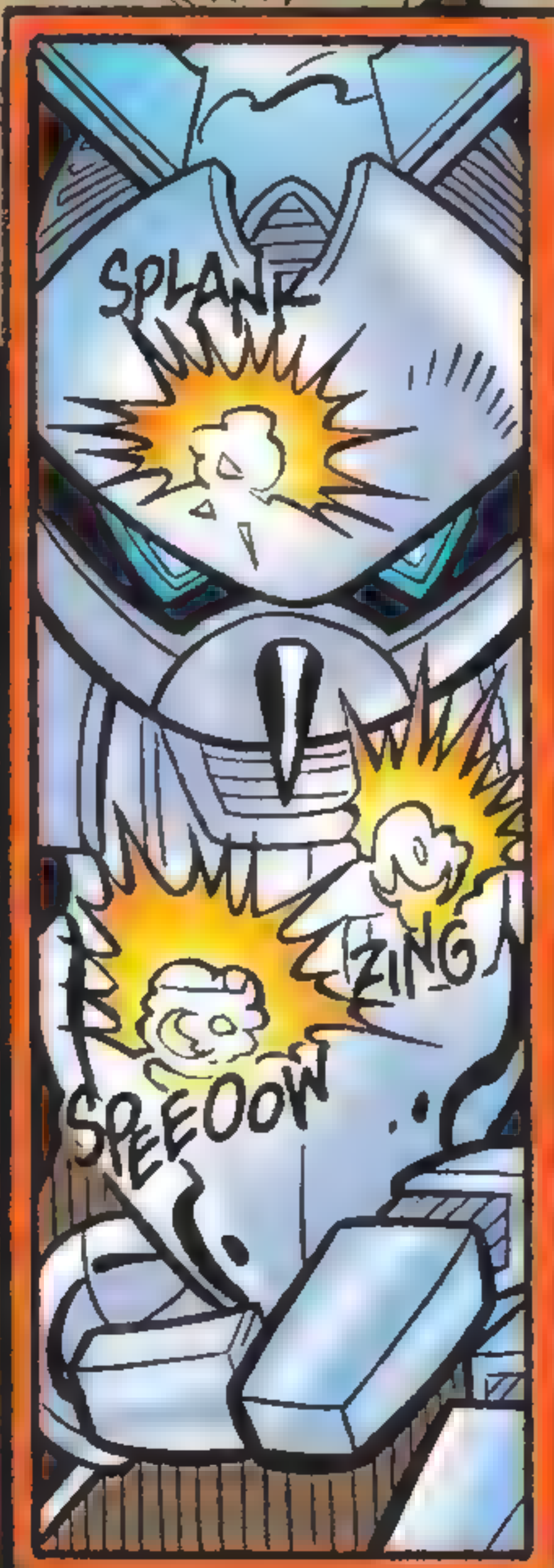
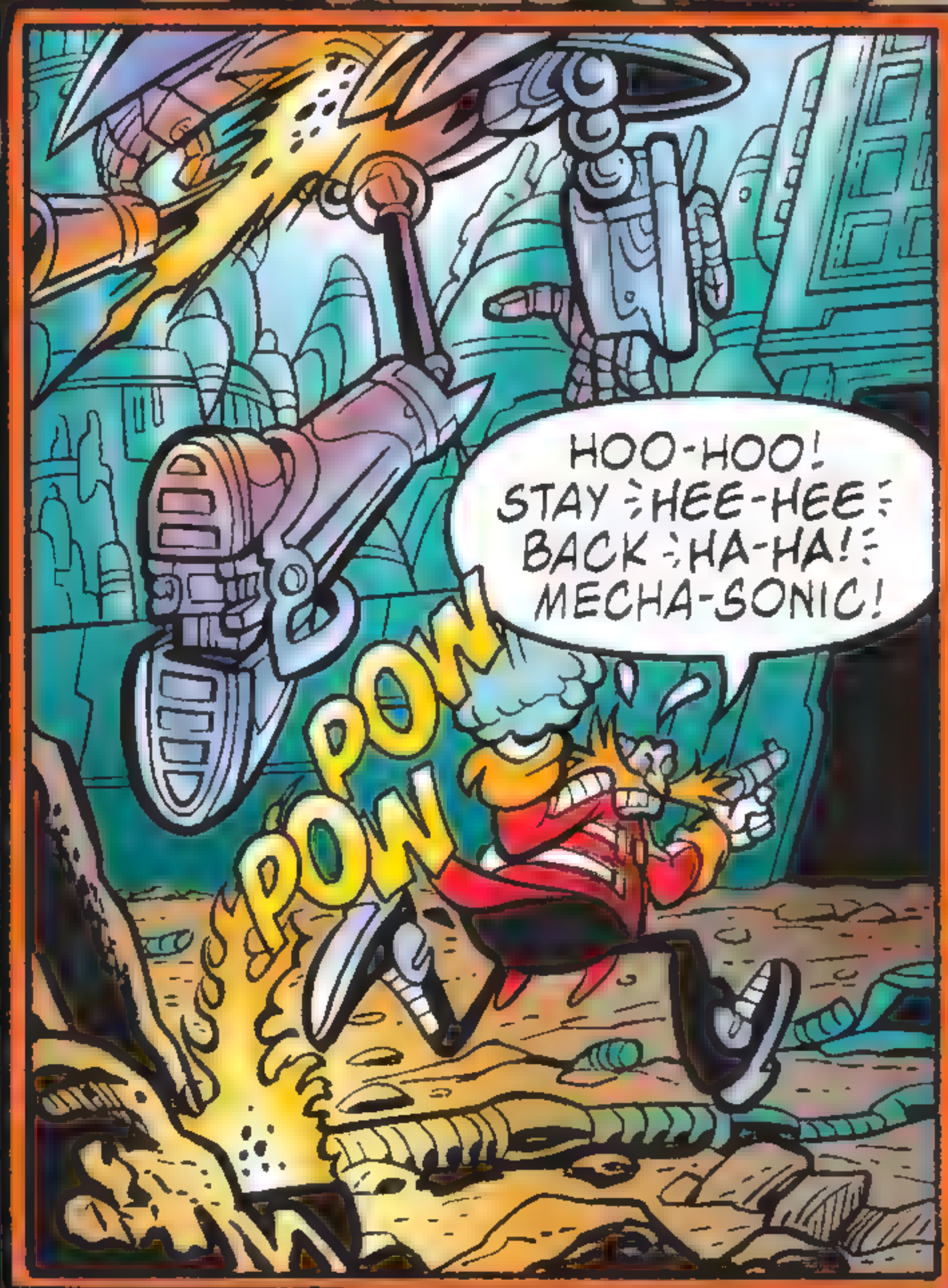
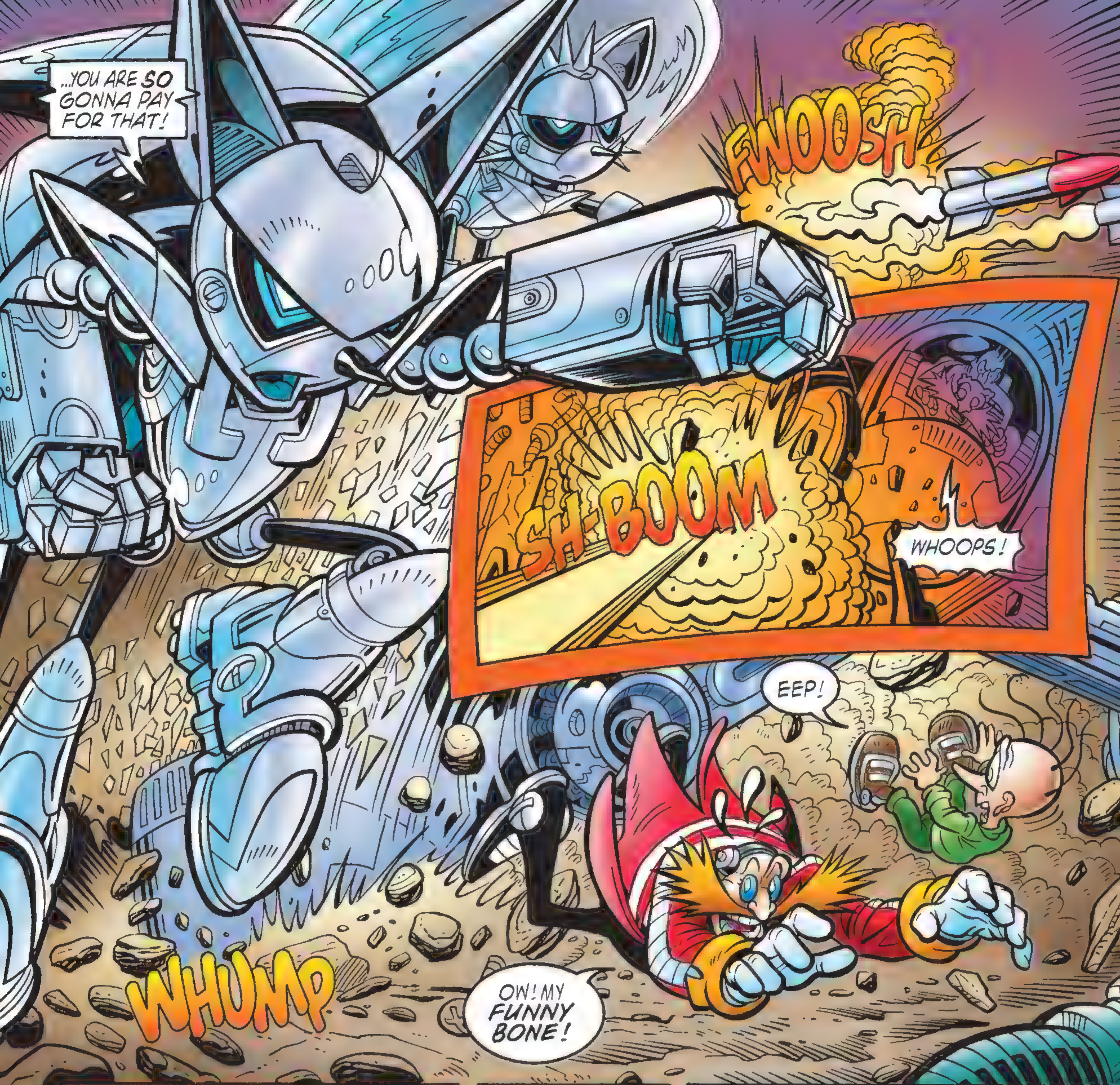
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MUST ALWAYS
BE MADE...

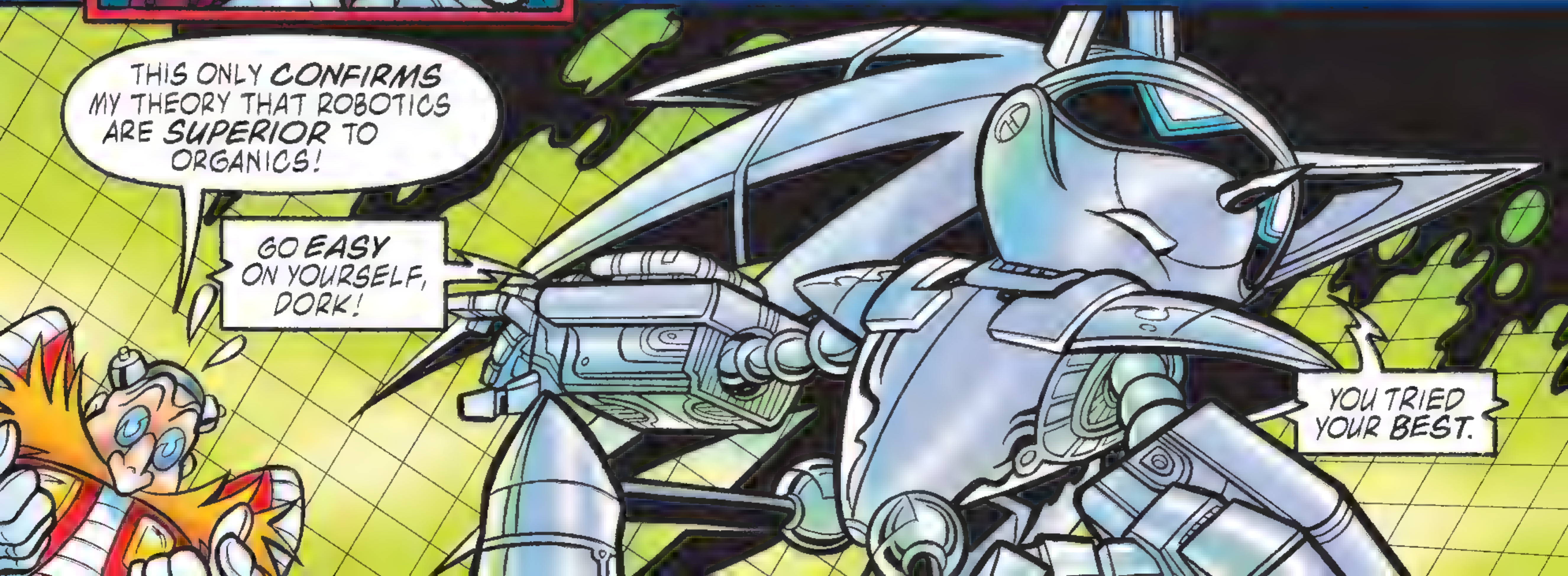
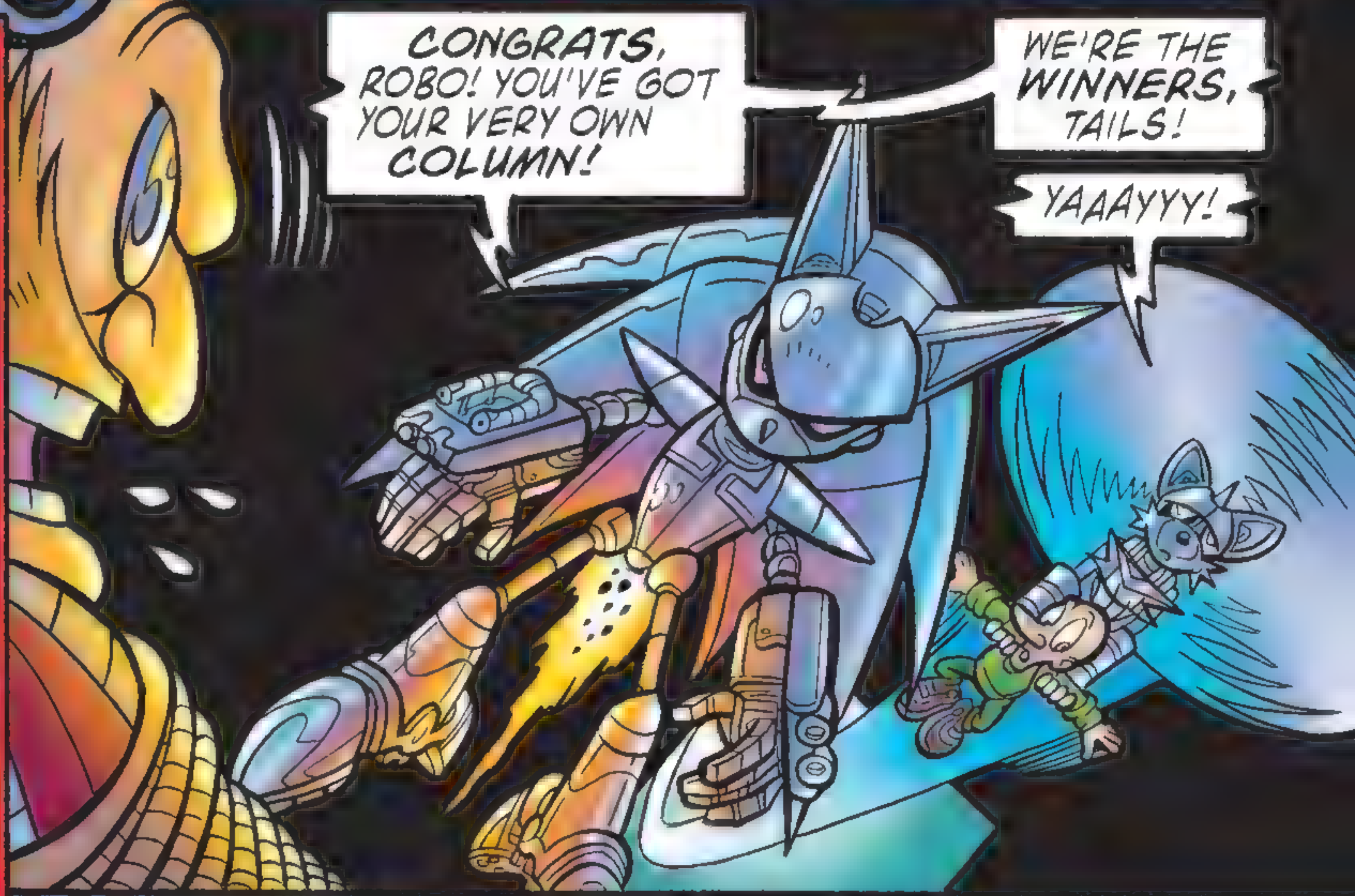
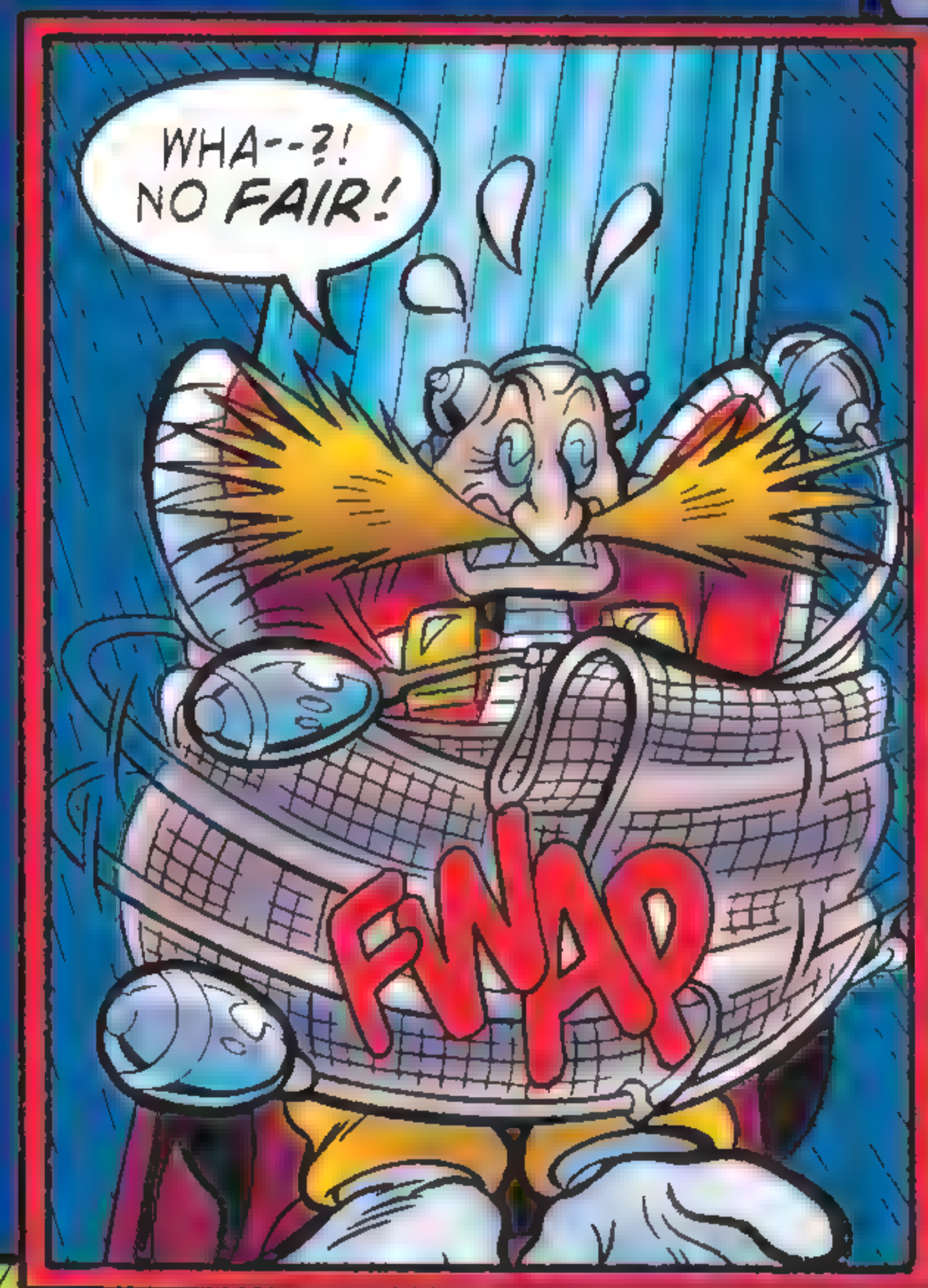
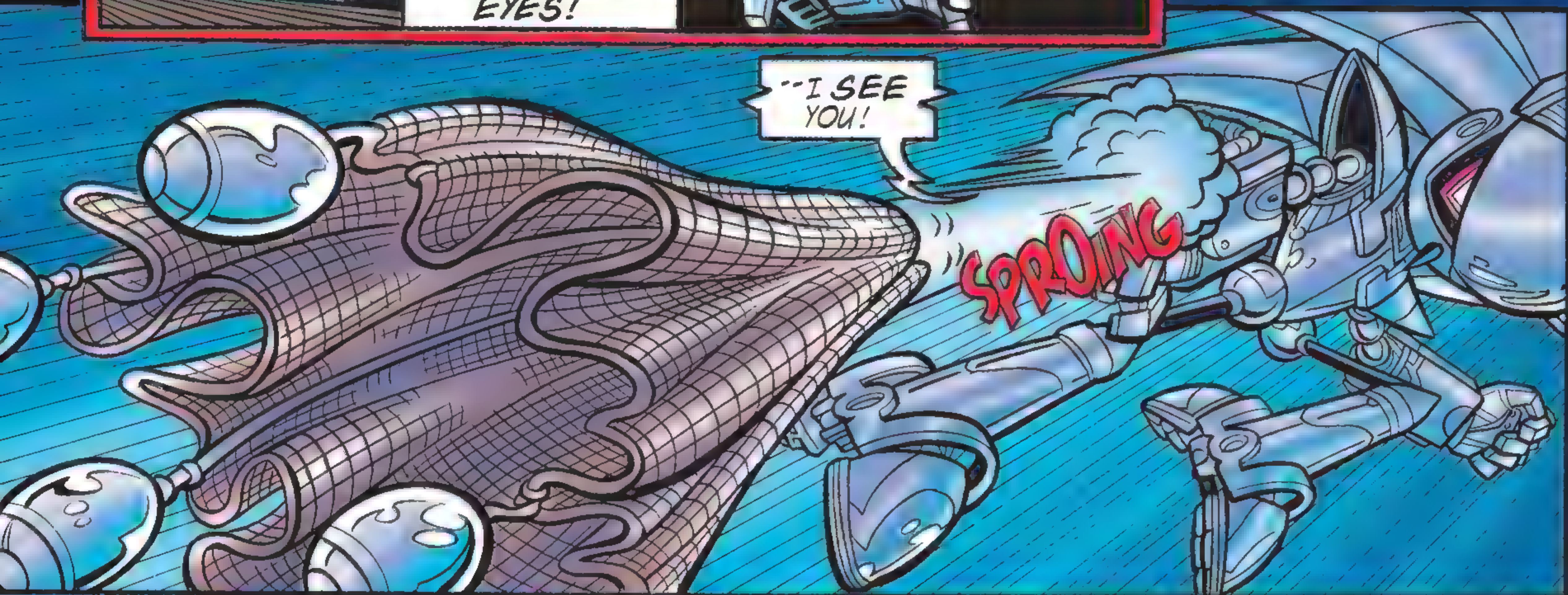
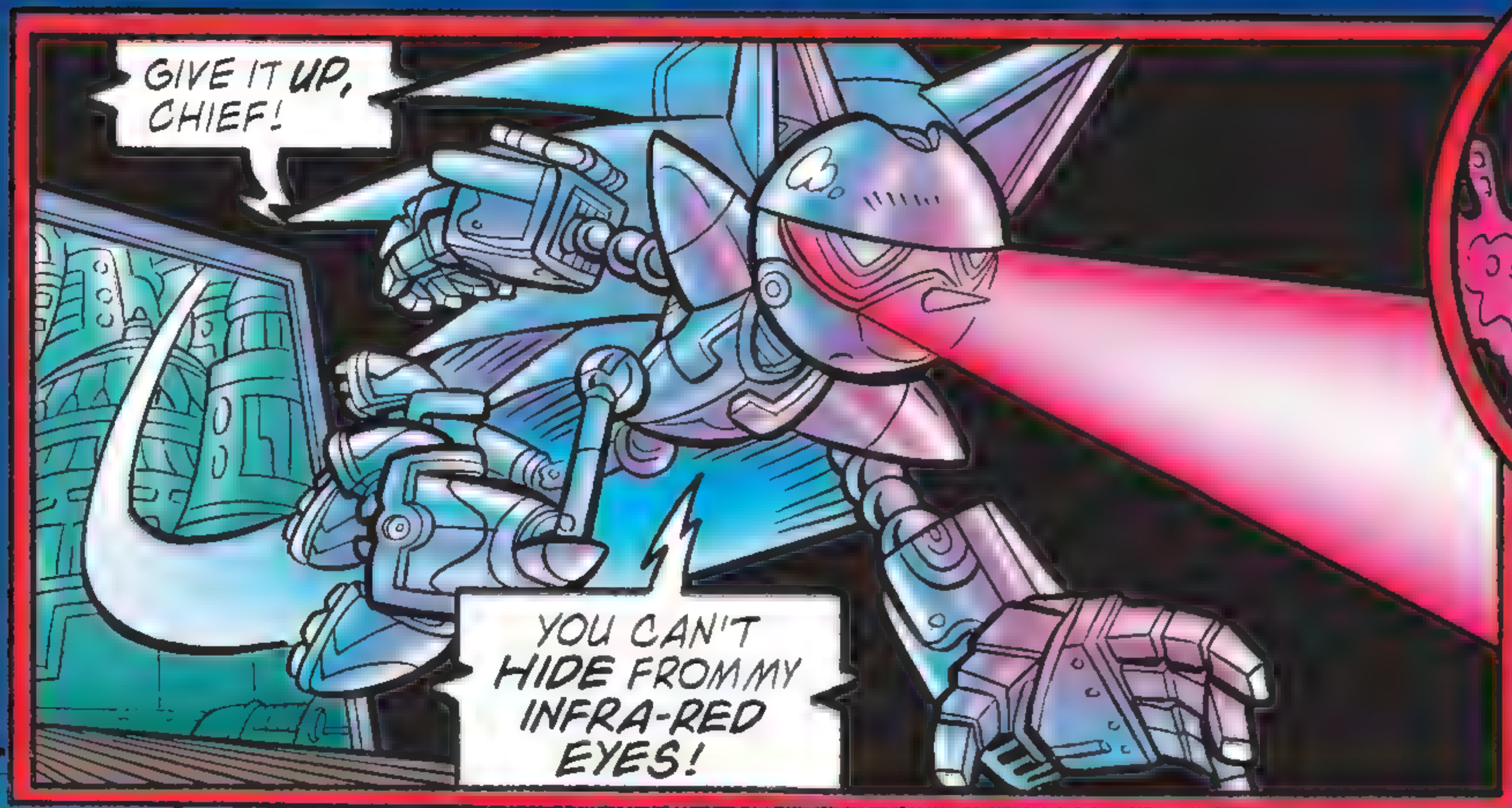
BOOM!

...IN THE NAME
OF SCIENCE!



OH...

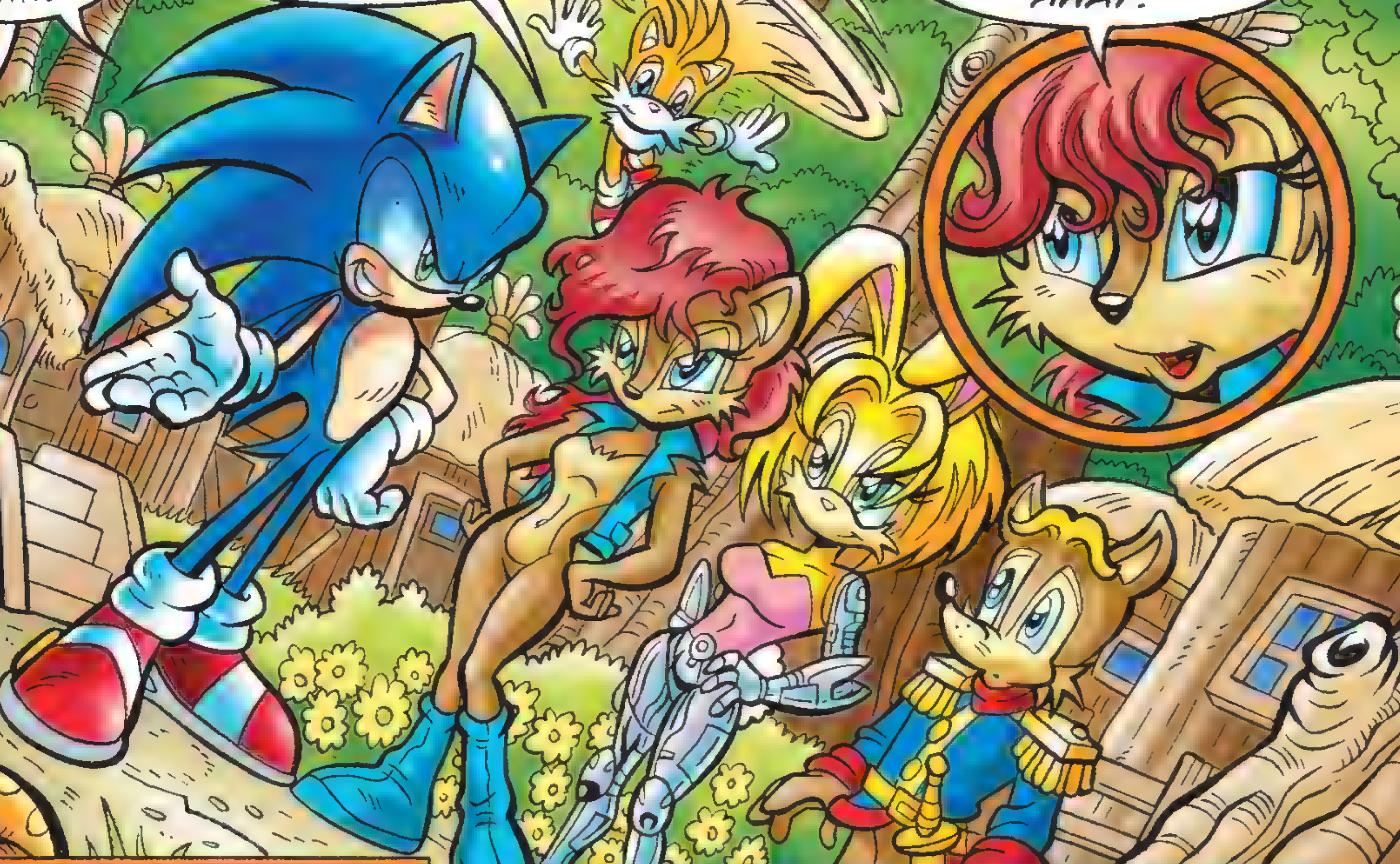




...AND, SERIOUSLY, THAT'S HOW IT WENT DOWN!

ALIENS FROM OUTER-SPACE? MECHA-SONIC? MECHA-TAILS? YOU KNOW...

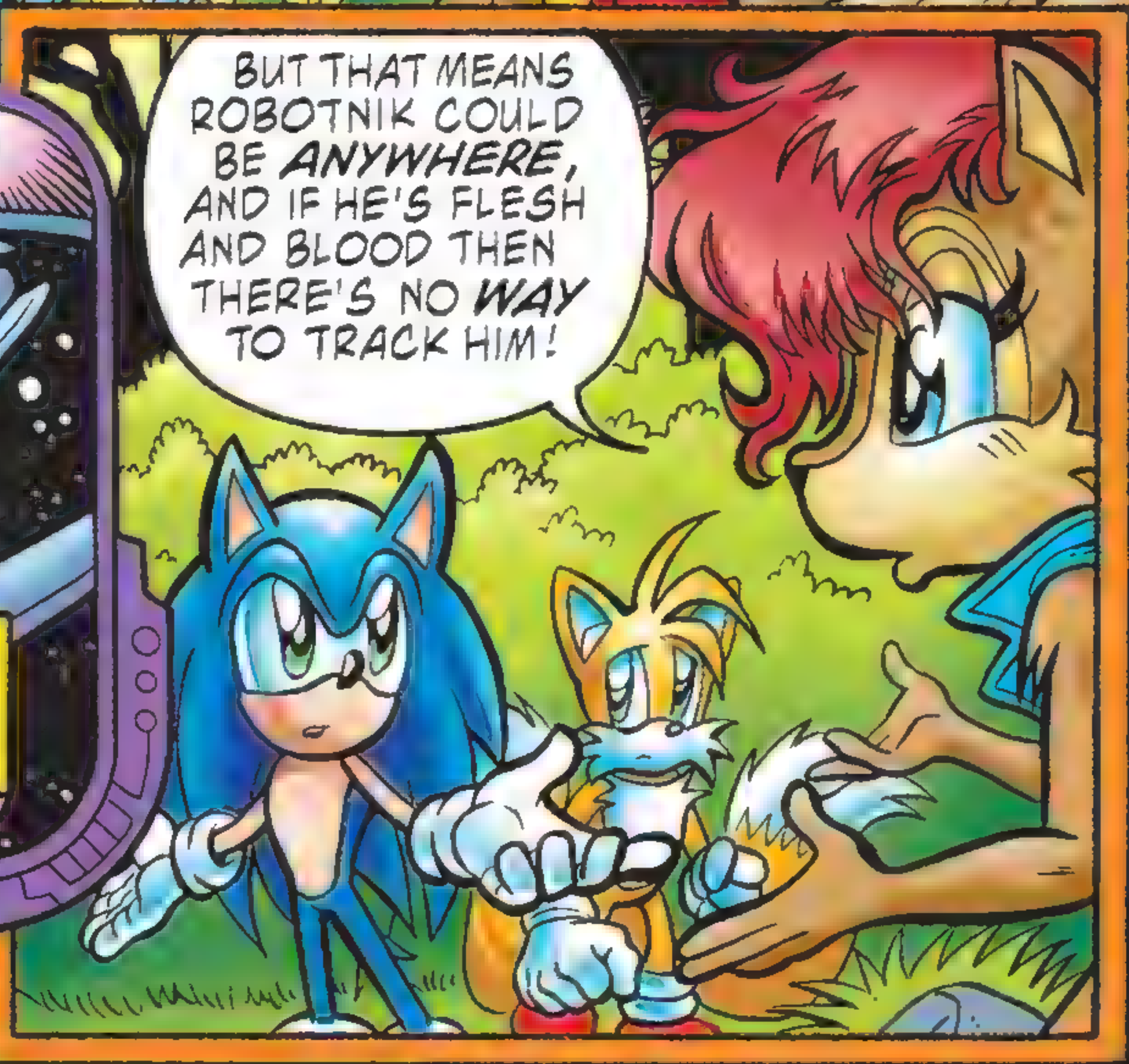
...YOU BOYS CAN JUST TELL US IF ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY MANAGED TO SNEAK AWAY!



"THEY DIDN'T SNEAK AWAY AFTER WE WON, AND THE ALIENS KEPT THEIR PART OF THE DEAL..."

BUT THAT MEANS ROBOTNIK COULD BE ANYWHERE, AND IF HE'S FLESH AND BLOOD THEN THERE'S NO WAY TO TRACK HIM!

"...THEY BEAMED US BACK TO THE SURFACE!"



WHICH MEANS WE WON'T KNOW WHERE--OR WHEN--HE'LL STRIKE NEXT!

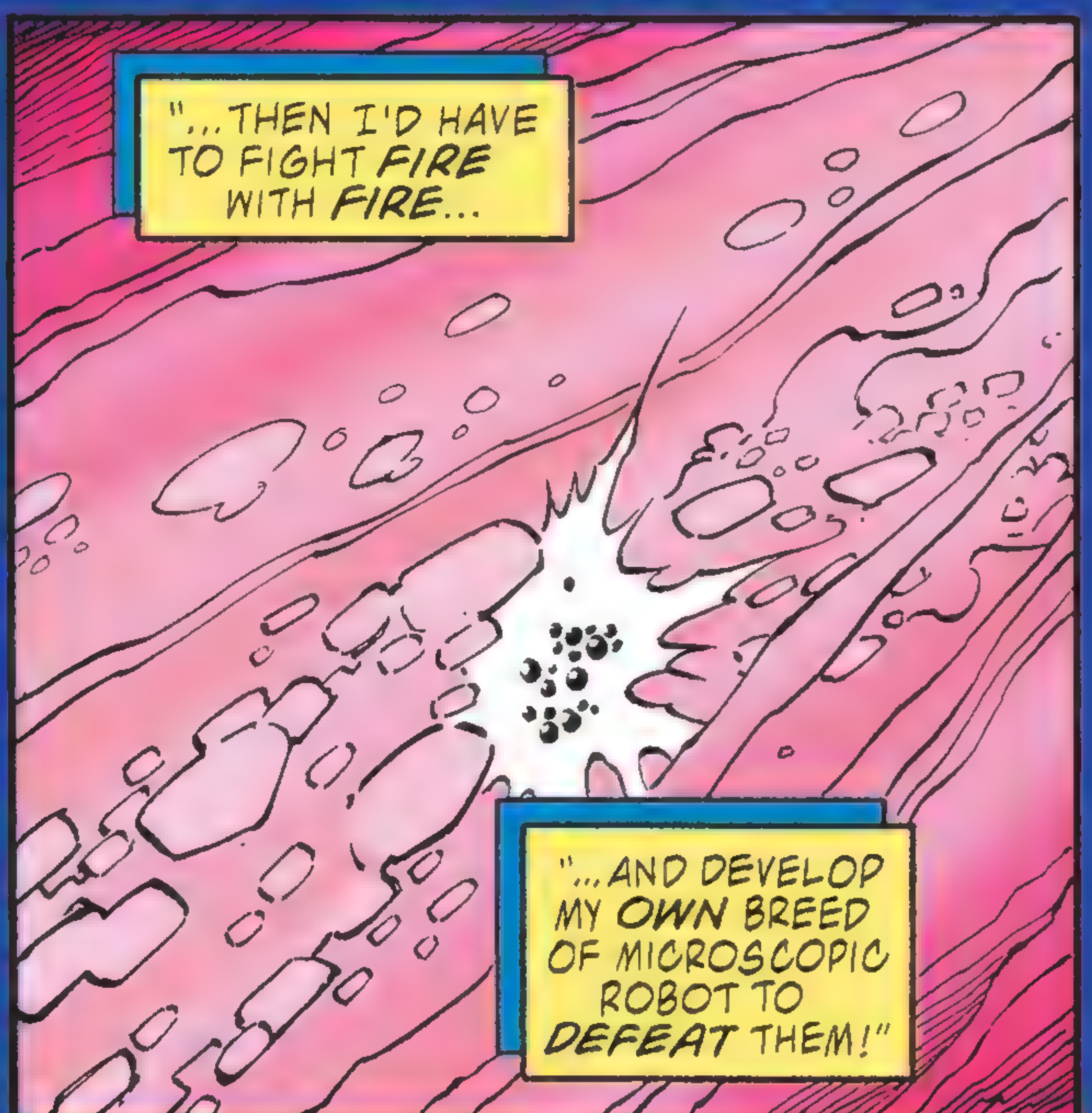
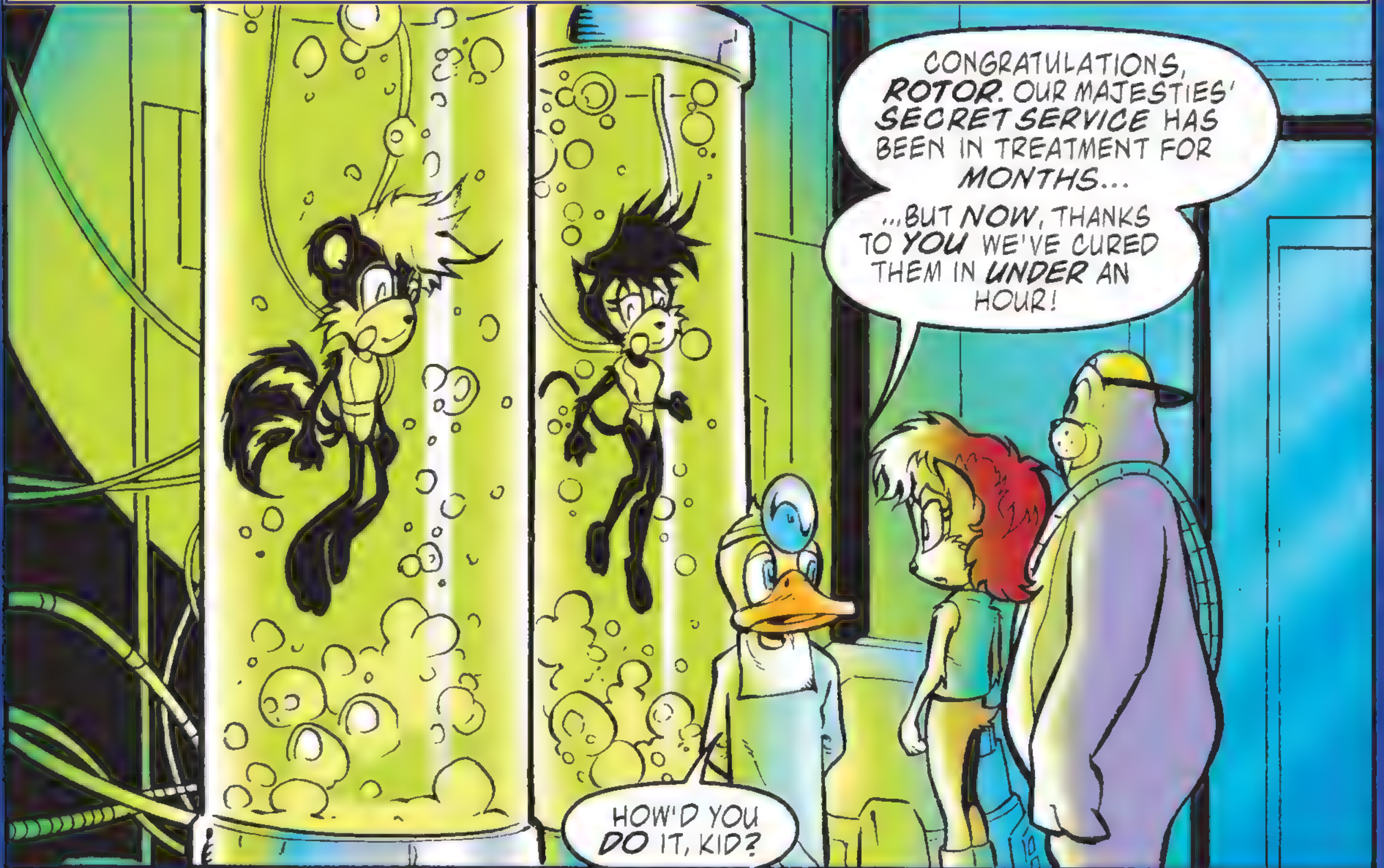
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

The End... FOR NOW!



St. JOHN+HERSHEY IN HEART TO HEART

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"I GOT MY SENSE OF DUTY FROM MY **FATHER**, WHO SERVED THE ROYAL FAMILY **BEFORE** ME.



"I WAS **ANGUISHED** WHEN OUR KINGDOM FELL TO **ROBOTNIK** AND HIS ROBOTIC **HORDE**...

"...BUT I WAS **RELIEVED** MY FATHER HADN'T LIVED TO **SEE** THAT AWFUL DAY.



"SHORTLY AFTER I BECAME **LEADER** OF THE **REBEL UNDERGROUND**...

"I MET **SALLY**, THE ONLY LIVING **HEIR** TO THE **KINGDOM**. I THOUGHT SHE WAS **BEAUTIFUL**...



"...BUT IT WAS **OBVIOUS** THAT HER HEART BELONGED TO **ANOTHER**.

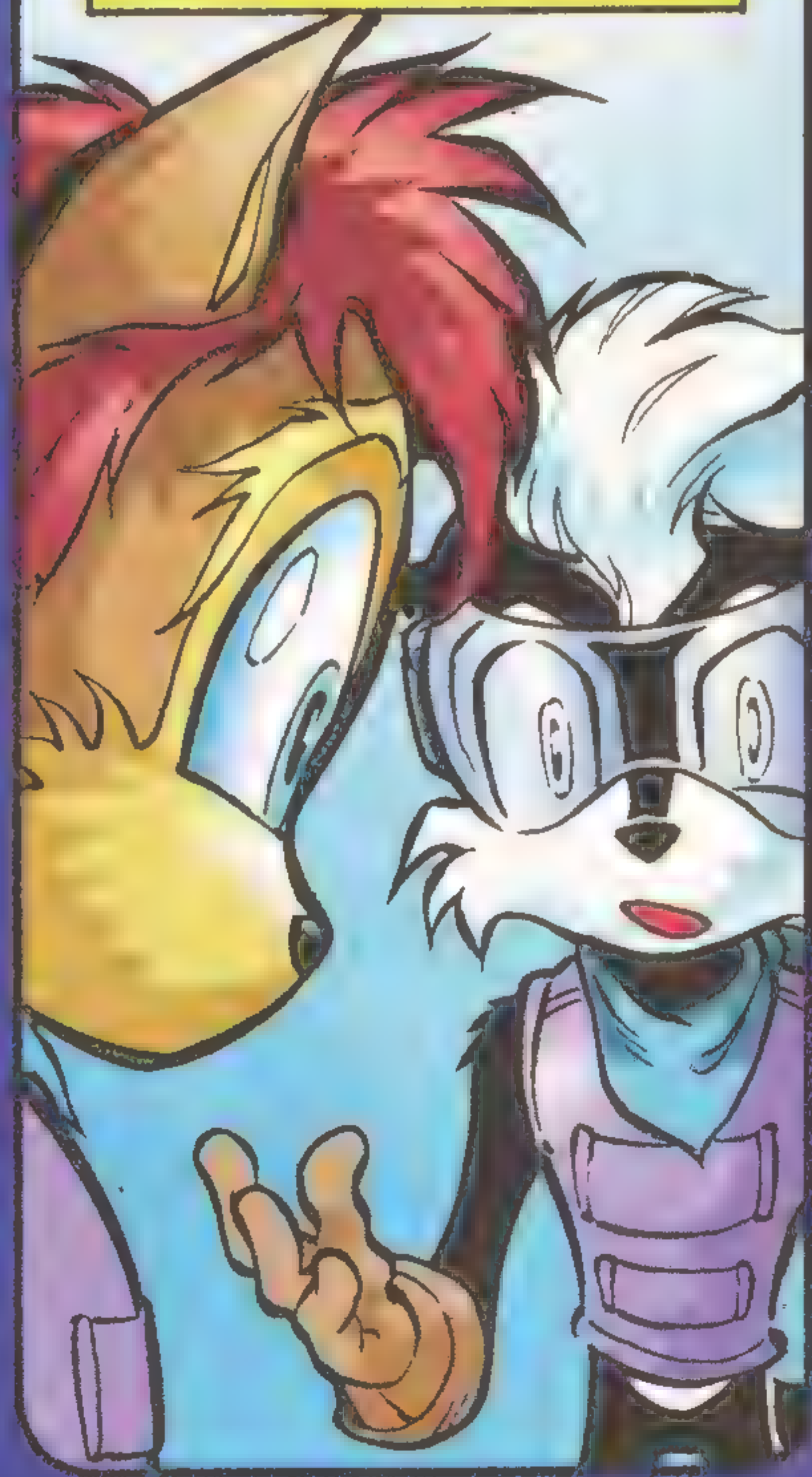


"IMAGINE OUR **JOY** WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT NOT **ONLY** HAD THE KING **SURVIVED** **ROBOTNIK'S** INVASION...

"...BUT THE **QUEEN** AND THE **PRINCE**, WHO WE THOUGHT DIED **YEARS** EARLIER, WERE **ALSO** ALIVE AND WELL.



"AFTER KING **MAX'S** INJURY CAUSED **PRINCE ELIAS** TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF **LEADER**, I SOUGHT TO AID HIS **INEXPERIENCE**.





"I FELT IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROVE THAT I WAS AS CAPABLE AS SONIC..."



"...BUT INSTEAD MY EGO CAUSED MY TEAM TO FALL VICTIM TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK."



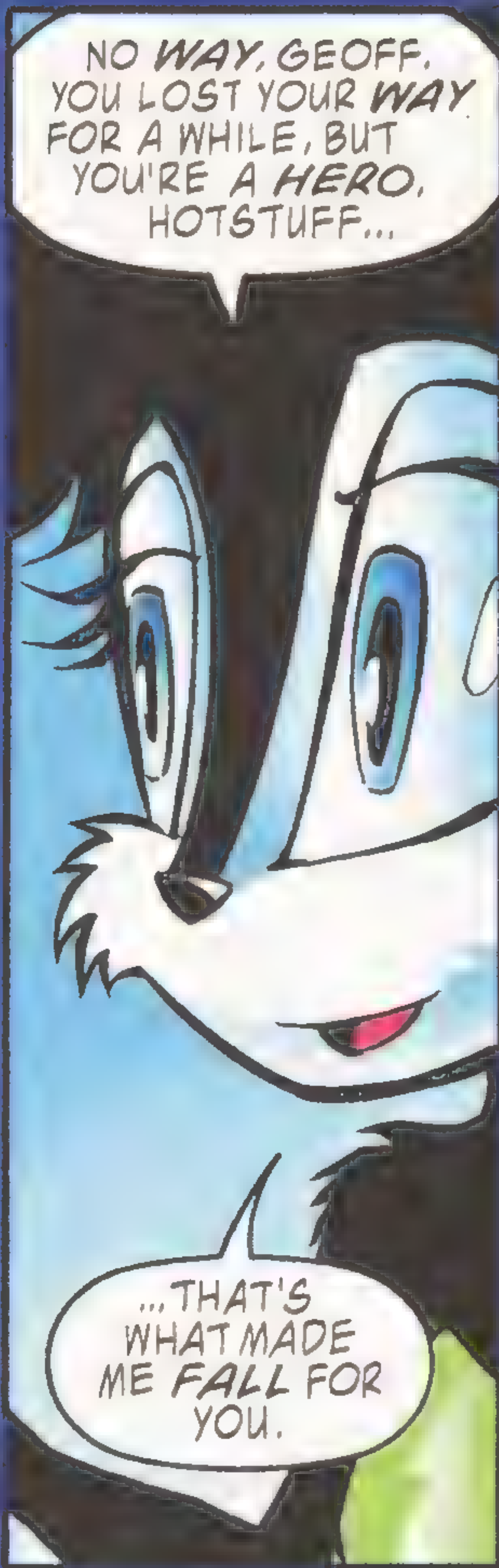
"IT'S NO SURPRISE THE PRINCE IMPOSED EXILE ON HIMSELF."

"EVERY BIT OF ADVICE I GAVE HIM WAS SELF-SERVING AND USELESS."



I FAILED PRINCE ELIAS, I'VE FAILED THE KINGDOM, I'VE FAILED MY FATHER'S MEMORY.

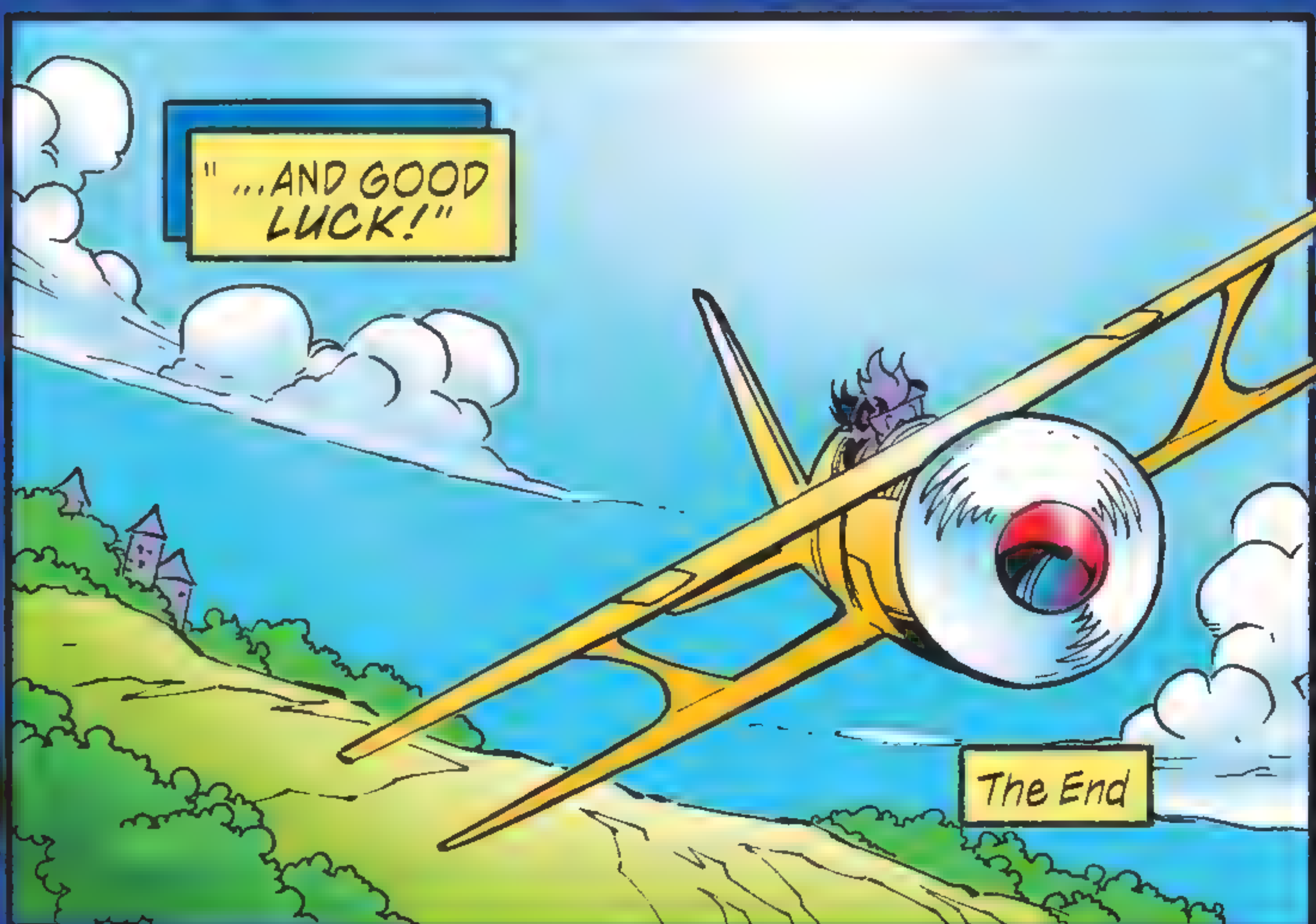
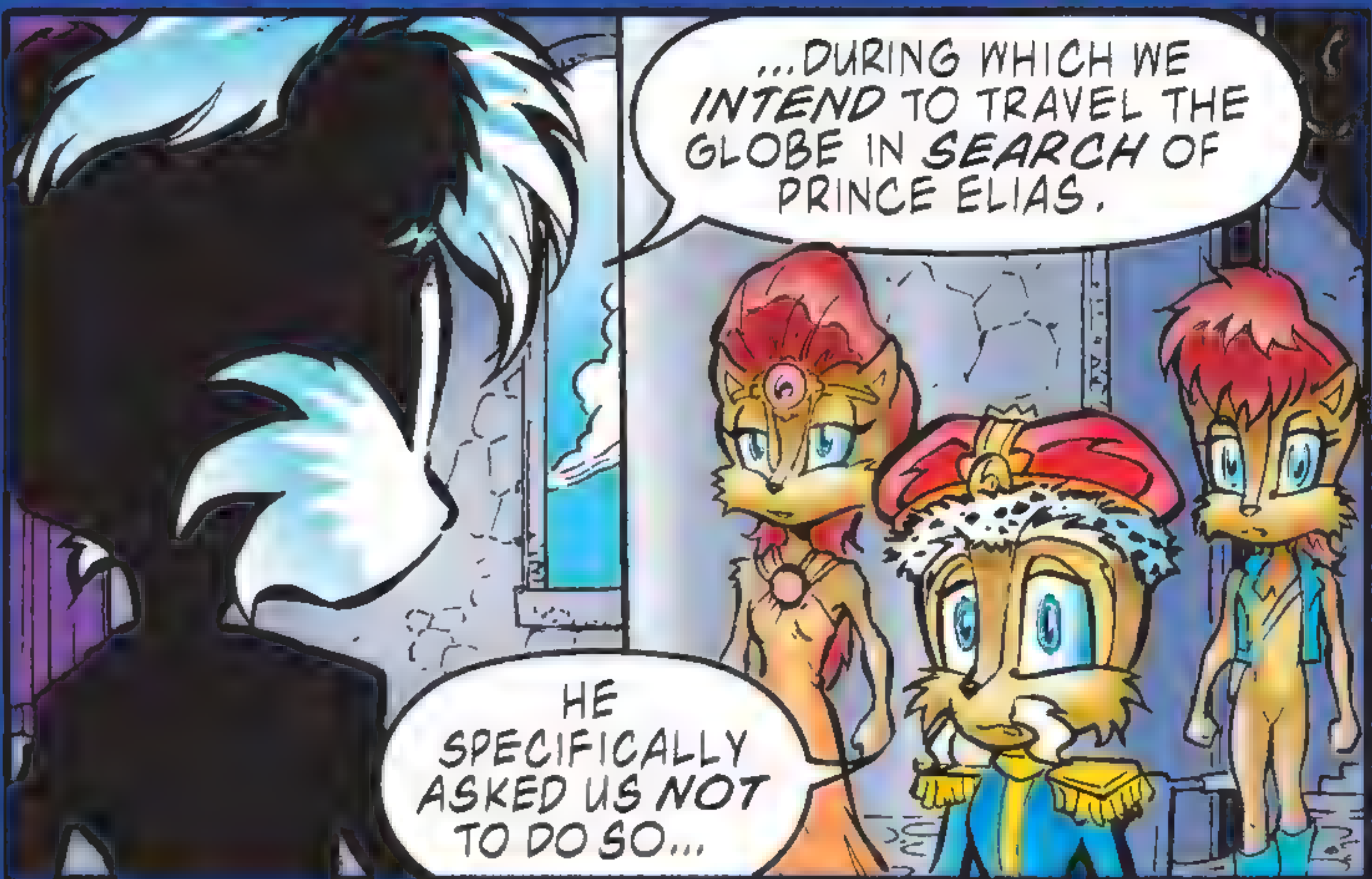
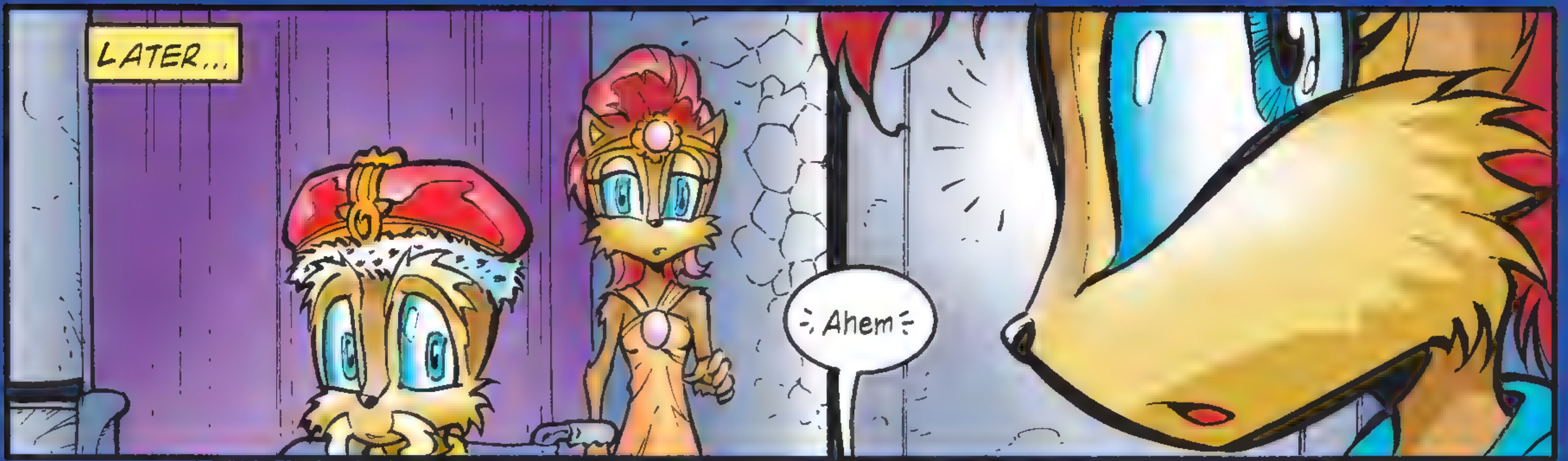
I'M NOT RETURNING TO ACTIVE DUTY, HERSHEY, BECAUSE I DON'T DESERVE TO.



NO WAY, GEOFF. YOU LOST YOUR WAY FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU'RE A HERO, HOTSTUFF...

...THAT'S WHAT MADE ME FALL FOR YOU.





KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA
IS CONFRONTED BY A CHOICE
THAT DEFINES A *HERO*...

EITHER YOU
STEP INTO MY *CHAOS*
SYPHON CHAMBER,
ECHIDNA --

-- OR WITH
THE *PRESS* OF
A *BUTTON* --

-- *DIMITRI* WILL BE
TERMINATED!

CHAOS
SYPHON -- ? BUT
HOW -- ?

KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT, LAYOUTS, LETTERS & INKS

DAWN BEST
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-- ONCE AGAIN UNLEASH ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED SPECTACULAR IN THE NEVERENDING BATTLE
AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS!

I HAVEN'T LIVED A
MILLENNIA WITHOUT
LEARNING WHAT MAKES
THE WORLD TICK!

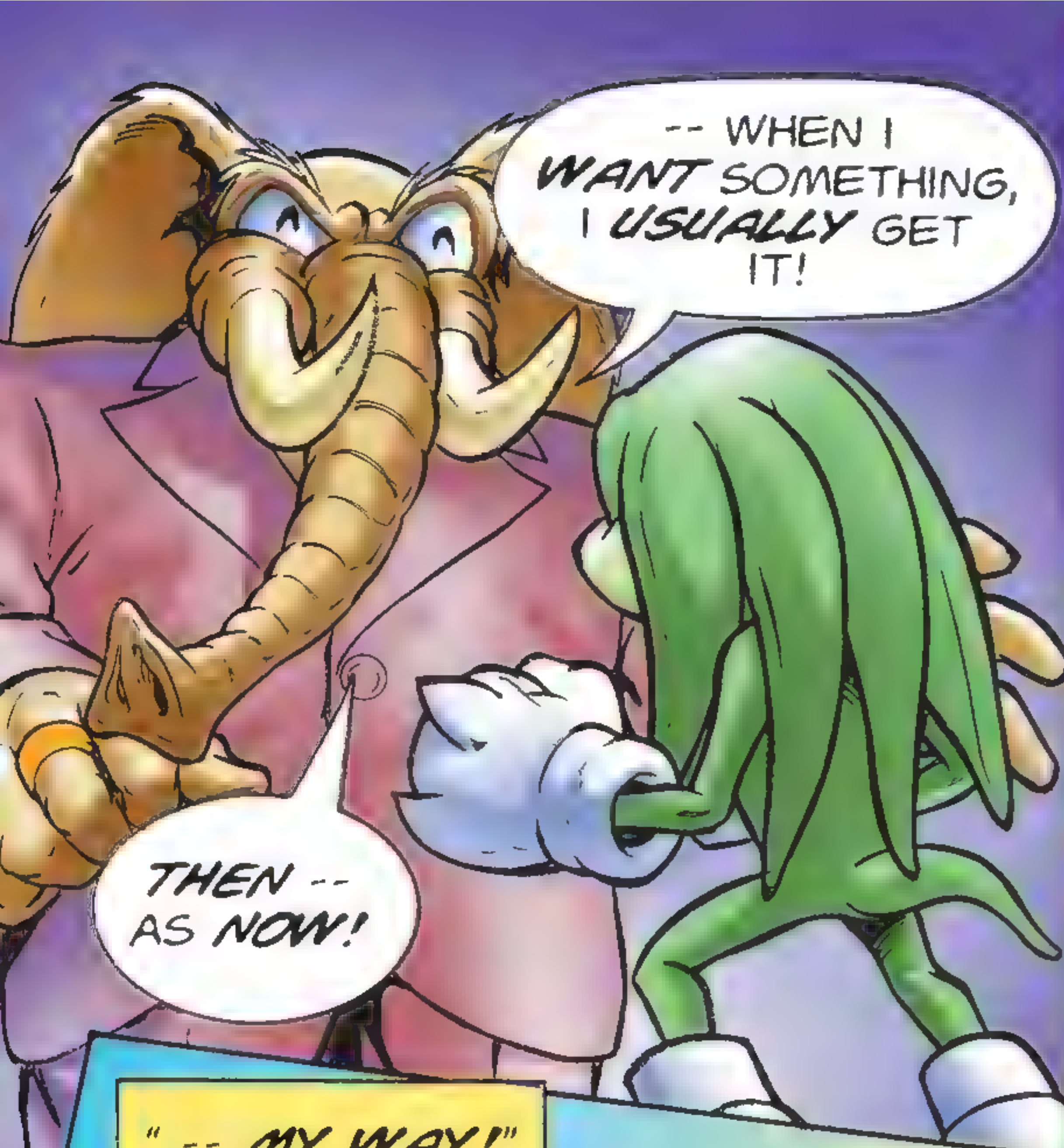
WERE YOU AWARE
I ENCOUNTERED *DIMITRI*
BACK WHEN HE *ORIGIN-*
ALLY DESIGNED THE
SYPHON?

WE'RE
NOT EXACTLY
BOSOM
BUDDIES --

-- AND I
DOUBT
NEITHER
WERE
YOU!

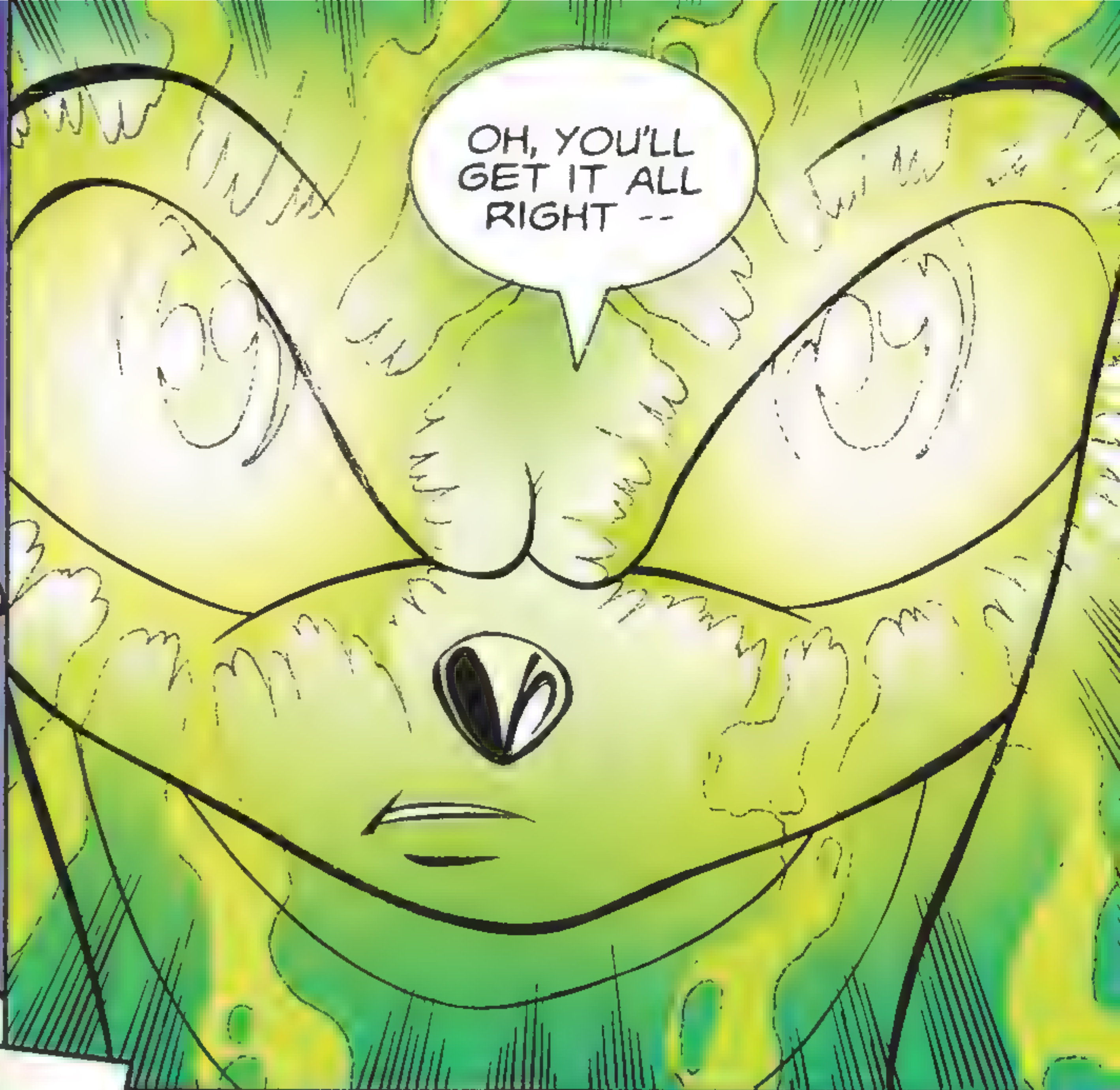
TOUCHÉ!

MY POINT
BEING --



-- WHEN I WANT SOMETHING, I USUALLY GET IT!

THEN -- AS NOW!



OH, YOU'LL GET IT ALL RIGHT --



" -- MY WAY!"

WHAT THE -- ?!!

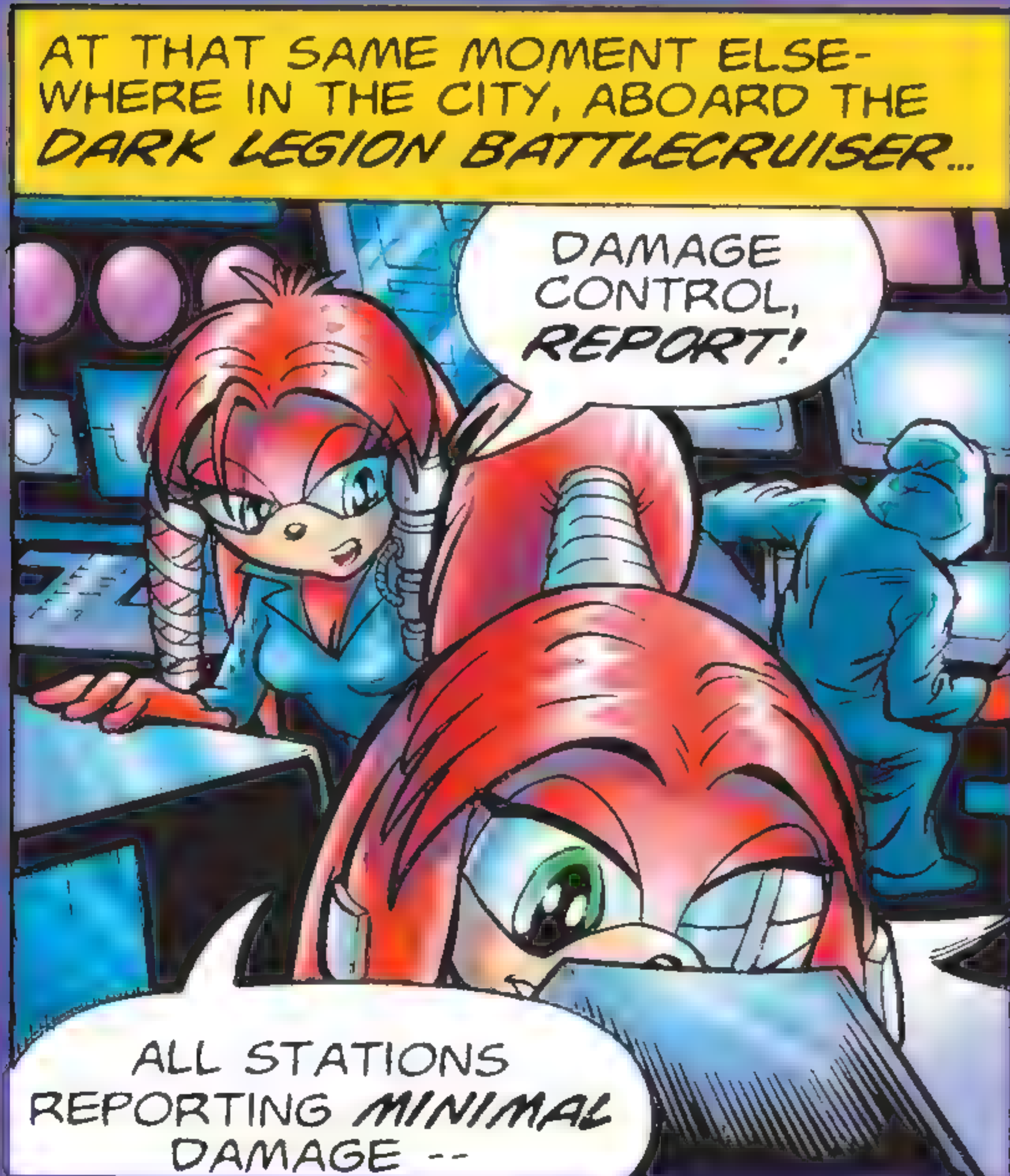
LOOK! OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!



GREEN FLASHES OF LIGHT!

THAT MUST BE WHERE KNUCKLES IS!

LET'S GO!



AT THAT SAME MOMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, ABOARD THE DARK LEGION BATTLECRUISER...

DAMAGE CONTROL, REPORT!

ALL STATIONS REPORTING MINIMAL DAMAGE --



-- WHILE SENSORS ARE SHOWING STRONG CHAOS ENERGY READINGS --

-- COMING FROM HERE!

ASSEMBLE A TEAM TO ACCOMPANY ME!

MORE THAN LIKELY IT'S KNUCKLES --



" -- WHICH MEANS *DIMITRI* MAY BE THERE AS WELL!"

WHY MUST THE *YOUNG* ALWAYS LEARN THINGS THE *HARD* WAY?

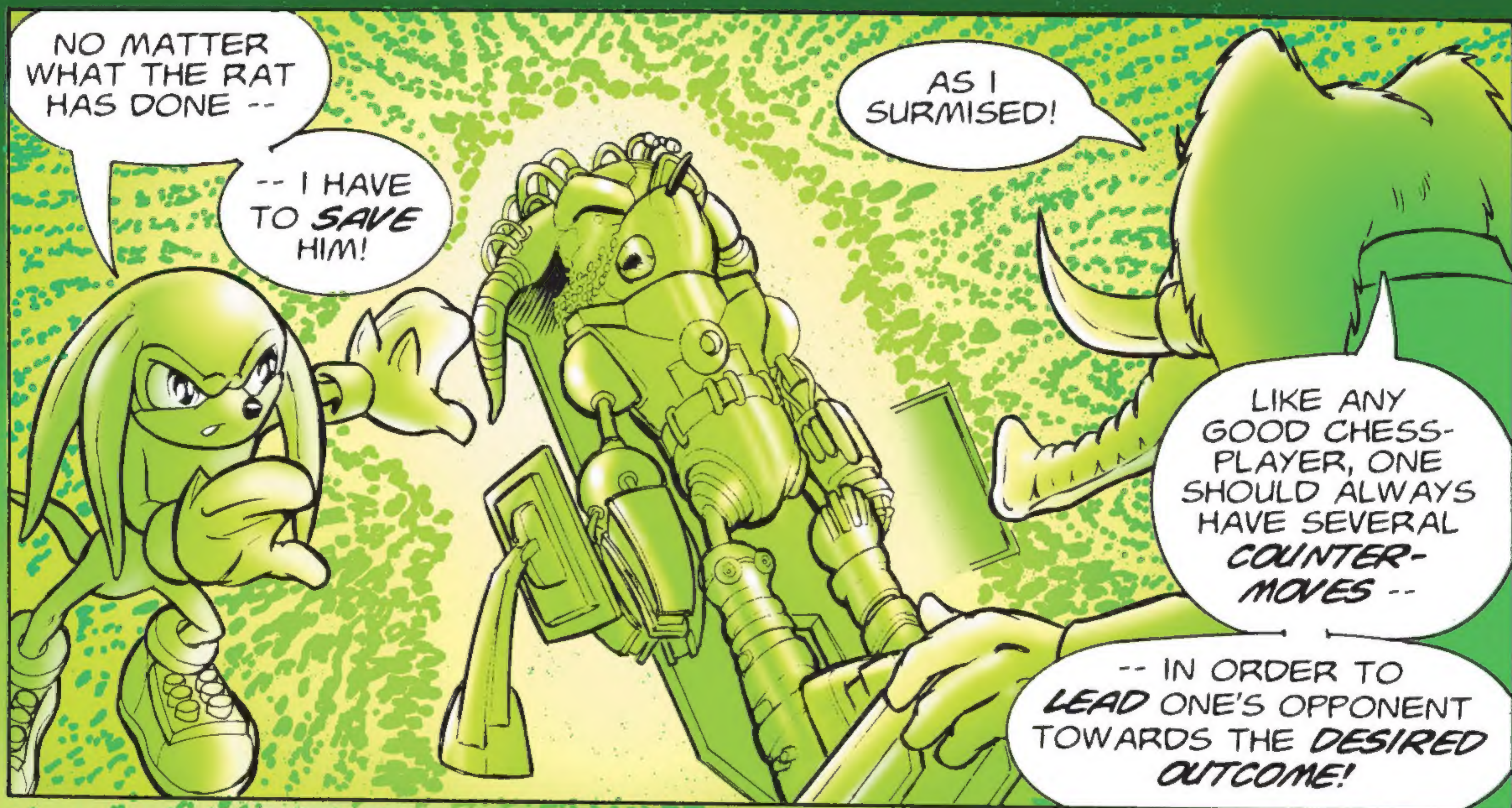
NOW YOU HAVE *ONLY* YOURSELF TO *BLAME* --



KLIK!

NO!

-- WHEN I *DE-ACTIVATE* *DIMITRI'S* *LIFELINE!*



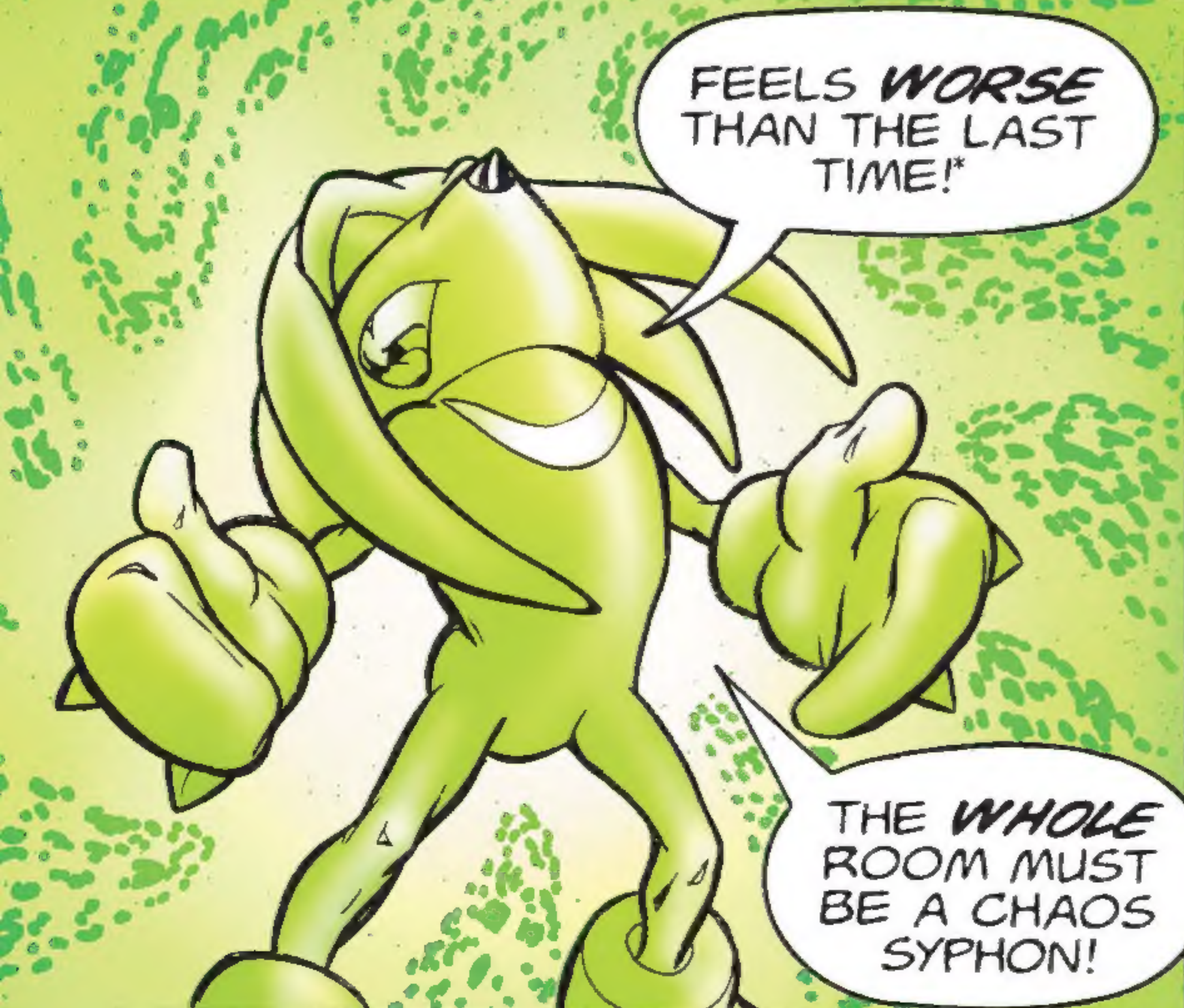
NO MATTER WHAT THE RAT HAS DONE --

-- I HAVE TO *SAVE* HIM!

AS I SURMISED!

LIKE ANY GOOD CHESS-PLAYER, ONE SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE SEVERAL *COUNTER-MOVES* --

-- IN ORDER TO *LEAD* ONE'S OPPONENT TOWARDS THE *DESIRED OUTCOME!*



FEELS *WORSE* THAN THE LAST TIME!"

THE *WHOLE* ROOM MUST BE A CHAOS SYPHON!



YES INDEED!

YOU *NEVER* HAD A CHANCE!

NOT IF I -- GO INTO --

-- *OVERLOAD* MODE!

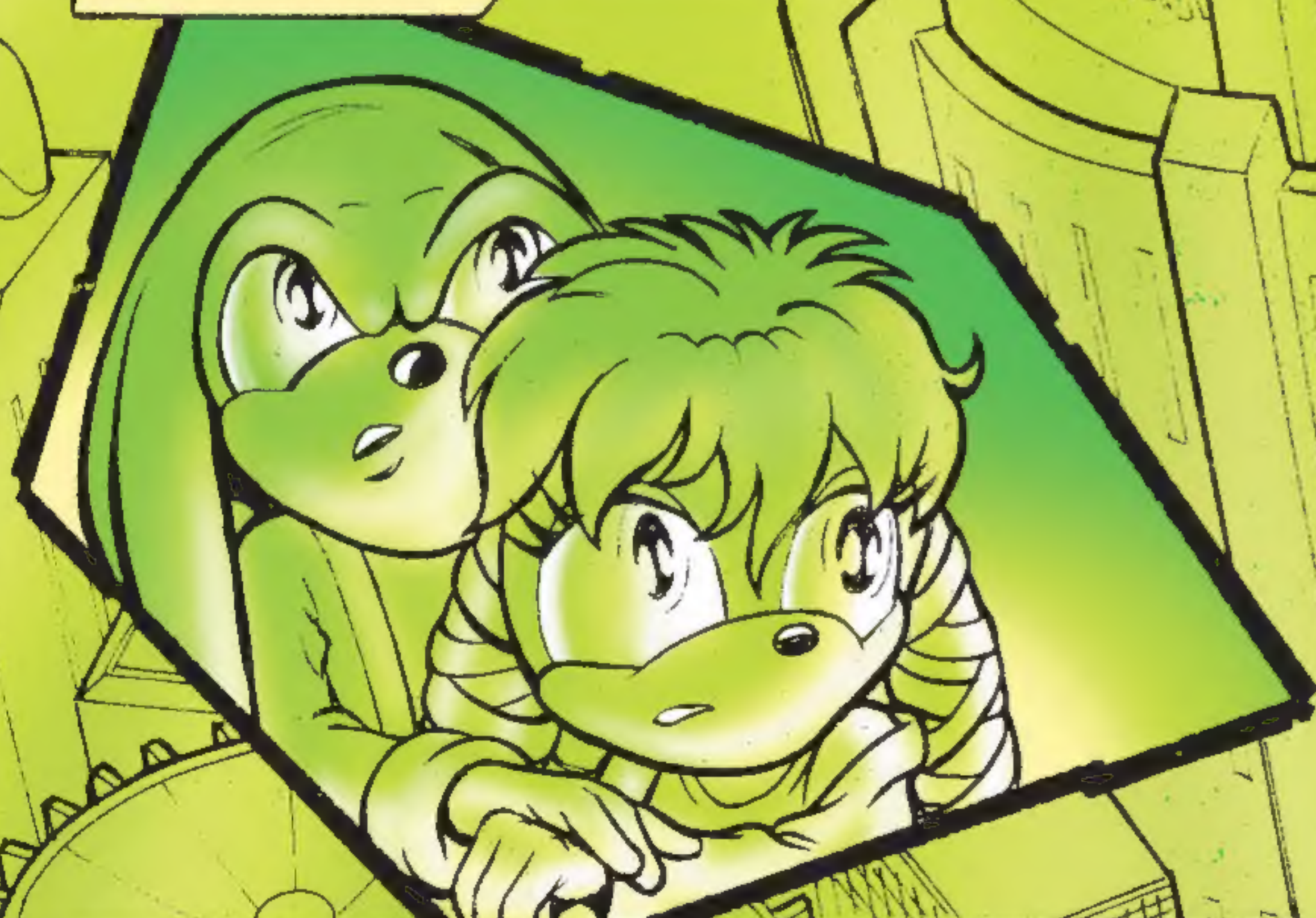
* KNUCKLES HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE BACK IN *SONIC #99* - JUSTIN.

WITHOUT HESITATION, WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS OWN SELF, THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES BEGINS TO EXPEND MORE ENERGY THAN HE EVER CONCEIVED POSSIBLE!



IT IS AT THAT MOMENT THE *MEANING* OF HIS LIFE BECOMES ALL TOO *CLEAR*!

ALL THAT HE HOLDS DEAR WOULD BE PLACED IN THE GREATEST OF *JEOPARDY* SHOULD THE *PERNICIOUS PACHYDERM* CARRY OUT HIS *INSIDIOUS SCHEME* TO FRUITION!



UPON REALIZING THIS ONE SIMPLE FACT, KNUCKLES CRANKS IT TO THE *ULTIMATE*, RESULTING IN A FORCE WITNESSED BY MANY, INCLUDING THOSE POSSESSING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENTS TRANSPIRING!



DEEP WITHIN THE PIT OF THEIR BEING IS A SENSATION --

-- THEY MAY BE JUST A BIT *TOO LATE!*

IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT WE'LL *FIND*, JULIE-SU!

THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A *DISASTER* AREA!

LOOK WHAT *SLITHERED* OUT FROM *UNDER* HER ROCK!

LIEN-DA!

I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR BEING HERE!

WE'RE HERE FOR DIMITRI! --

-- AND I *PROMISE* YOU A *FIGHT* IF YOU TRY TO STOP US!

SINCE THE *GUARDIAN* WAS *ALSO* CONCERNED FOR HIS WELL-BEING, YOU MAY REMAIN AND ASSIST!

THANK YOU, CONSTABLE!

IF HE ONLY KNEW WHOM HE *TRULY* WAS ADDRESSING!

GREAT-GRANDFATHER!

DON'T WORRY OVER ME, CHILD!

LOOK FOR *KNUCKLES!*

"IF NOT FOR HIM -- "

OH, NO!

